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COUNTY VOICE

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Algonquin Highlands

Heat's on in Dorset

By Jerry Grozelle

Fire services in Dorset is a hot topic in Algonquin Highlands these days.

A number of firefighters, including Dorset Station Fire Chief Clint MacKay and Captain Rob Walisser have both resigned and Algonquin Highlands is scrambling to ensure adequate fire services are still being provided.

In the meantime, firefighters from the township's other two fire departments, Oxtongue and Stanhope, are standing by to assist, and Lake of Bays firefighters are cooperating as well.

It is the township's mandate to provide fire protection and municipal officials have contacted the Ontario Fire Marshall's office to ask for an independent mediator to hear the concerns, and make a report to council.

Algonquin Highlands Fire Chief John Hogg said the Fire Marshall's office will appoint someone "who is independent to conduct interviews, assess the situation and give a report to council." Hogg said he will not be involved in the interviews. "My job is to continue to provide the best coverage we can," he said.

Rumours abound about the reasons for the upheaval at the Dorset Fire Station but Hogg said the purpose of the unbiased, independent investigation is to determine the root of the problem and find a solution.

"I think people will find that when they go through the investigation and interview processes, and listen to everybody, there will be significant issues that there has been conjecture about, that will indeed be off base," he said.

"I am convinced of that. That's why council decided to bring in someone who is an expert and is unbiased to review the situation. I'm sure people will be much relieved when it's over, and surprised about some of the things they may learn."

(more on page 10)

Look for us next Tuesday

The County Voice is moving its publication day ahead for the next edition so we can deliver the municipal election results to our readers as soon as possible. Look for The County Voice next Tuesday, October 26 to get all the numbers and news from Monday night's municipal election tally.

To accommodate the early publication date of the next edition, deadlines for advertising and editorial submissions have been moved ahead to Friday, October 22 at 4 p.m. The County Voice - We Cover the County.



A sculpture named Gelert

Sculptor Mary Anne Barkhouse and Diana Ferguson hold Ferguson's real life Miniature Schnauzer puppy 'Charlie' up on the rock, which next year, will be home to Barkhouse's bronze sculpture of a Wolfhound named Gelert, a memorial to Ferguson's husband Alan.

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Photo by Laura Redman

Beaver embroiled in lawsuit

By Jerry Grozelle

A lawsuit filed against the owner of the Beaver Theatre in Minden, Fionnuala Martin, by contractors who did renovations to the building on Water Street has now been met with a countersuit.

The contractors, headed by Rob Luke, who took the lead in the renovation project in exchange for a 30 per cent interest in the profits of the enterprise - once the renovations were completed and the theatre was in operation - are seeking payment for the work they completed.

The work was finished late last year, inspections were conducted by municipal inspectors, and approval was granted for the theatre to open on December 9, 2009.

However, on December 27, 2009 it was discovered that the building had been flooded and that the flood had caused extensive damage, including the undermining of the foundation.

Inspection of the damage in May of this year resulted in the municipality's Chief Building Official issuing an order prohibiting access to the building, except for personnel contracted by the owner to do testing and/or remedial work.

The countersuit filed by Martin seeks damages in the amount of \$28 million and names Rob Luke and the 12 contractors (most of whom are from the Minden area) that he hired to perform the renovations, as well as the Township of Minden Hills. The countersuit alleges that Luke misrepresented his ability to handle a project of that magnitude and that the sub-contractors he hired for the job were "not qualified" to complete the job properly. It also alleges that the municipality's inspectors were "untrained/or incompetent."

Martin's countersuit further alleges that because of the lawsuit filed against her, she has not been able to carry on with repairs and has lost a significant amount of business as a result.

Another contractor, Abbey Xerri of Minden, has been hired by Martin to repair the damage, but the repairs are on hold pending the outcome of the two lawsuits.

When contacted by email, Martin said in a return email that she was unable to comment on the current situation or future of the Beaver.

"Thank you for your interest in doing a story on the court action on the Beaver Theatre," said Martin.

"For legal reasons I am unable to comment on the case and neither is Abby Xerri, my contractor."

Martin has now posted the full text of the Beaver Theatre defense and counter claim on the theatre's website: www.beavertheatre.ca.



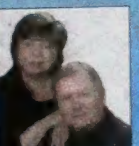
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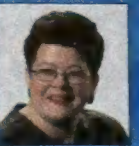
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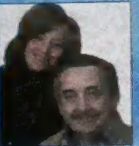
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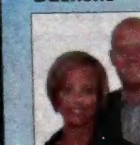
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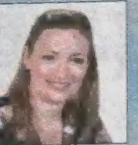
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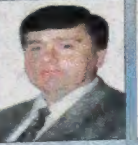
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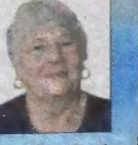
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FRIDAY



Partly to mostly cloudy and cool
▲ 6° ▼ -1°

SATURDAY



Cloudy with a slight chance of showers
▲ 9° ▼ 1°

SUNDAY



Cloudy with showers likely
▲ 8° ▼ 0°

MONDAY



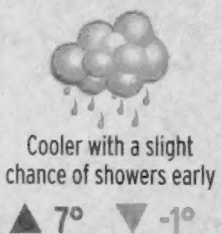
Chance of afternoon showers
▲ 11° ▼ 3°

TUESDAY



Windy and milder with rain likely
▲ 13° ▼ 4°

WEDNESDAY



Cooler with a slight chance of showers early
▲ 7° ▼ -1°

AROUND THE REGION: Mostly cloudy and cool today with a slight chance of showers. Highs will be near 6. Skies will remain mostly cloudy tonight. Lows near zero. More clouds than sun will be seen again tomorrow. Highs will be near 5. Wet weather will be experienced this weekend, especially on Sunday.

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16-Oct-2010

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TROPICAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk
Acapulco	31/24/pc	31/24/su	32/25/pc	Montego Bay	31/25/ts	30/25/ts	31/25/ts
Antigua	31/26/su	31/26/su	30/26/ts	Nassau	29/23/pc	29/22/pc	31/24/pc
Barbados	31/25/ts	31/26/ts	30/25/ts	Port au Prince	32/26/ts	32/25/pc	32/24/ts
Bermuda	27/23/ts	24/21/su	24/20/su	Puerto Vallarta	32/23/su	32/22/su	32/23/su
Cancun	30/21/su	31/21/su	30/22/ts	St Thomas	30/26/ts	30/26/ts	30/26/pc
Curacao	32/26/ts	32/26/ts	32/26/ts	St Maarten	30/26/pc	31/26/su	30/26/ts
Freeport	28/20/su	28/19/su	29/20/su	San Jose, CR	26/18/ts	24/18/ts	22/18/ts
Georgetown	32/24/ts	31/24/ts	32/24/ts	San Juan	31/25/ts	31/26/ts	31/25/pc
Havana	31/19/ts	30/19/ts	31/20/ts	San Salvador	31/22/ts	32/20/pc	29/21/ts
Key West	29/23/su	28/23/su	29/24/pc	Santo Domingo	31/23/ts	30/23/pc	30/23/ts
Kingston	30/25/ts	30/24/ts	31/26/ts	Trinidad	32/25/ts	33/24/ts	32/24/ts

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	6/0/sh	6/-1/cl	9/1/cl	7/-1/sh	10/3/sh	13/4/ra	7/-1/cl
Barrie	7/1/sh	6/-1/cl	9/1/cl	8/0/sh	11/3/sh	13/5/ra	8/-1/cl
Dorset	6/0/sh	6/-1/cl	9/1/cl	7/-1/sh	10/4/sh	13/4/ra	7/-2/cl
Haliburton	6/1/sh	6/-1/cl	9/1/cl	8/0/sh	11/3/sh	13/4/ra	7/-1/cl
Huntsville	6/0/sh	6/-1/cl	9/1/cl	7/-1/sh	10/2/sh	13/4/ra	7/-2/cl
Kingston	7/2/sh	7/1/cl	11/2/cl	9/1/sh	12/4/sh	14/6/ra	9/0/cl
Lindsay	7/1/sh	6/-1/cl	9/2/cl	8/0/sh	11/3/sh	13/5/ra	8/-1/cl
Minden	6/1/sh	6/-1/cl	9/1/cl	8/0/sh	11/3/sh	13/4/ra	7/16/cl
Oshawa	7/2/sh	7/1/cl	11/2/cl	10/1/sh	12/4/sh	14/7/ra	10/2/cl
Ottawa	6/1/sh	5/-1/cl	9/0/pc	8/0/cl	11/2/pc	10/3/ra	7/-1/sh
Toronto	7/2/sh	7/1/cl	11/2/cl	10/2/sh	12/5/sh	14/7/ra	10/2/cl

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Calgary	17/1/su	15/-1/pc	10/6/cl	17/6/sh	15/4/sh	11/2/sh	9/1/sh
Edmonton	13/-1/sh	10/-1/cl	12/1/cl	11/2/sh	9/-1/sh	7/-2/mx	6/-2/mx
Fredericton	8/3/sh	4/-2/cl	8/0/pc	7/1/pc	7/0/pc	9/2/sh	8/0/ra
Halifax	12/6/sh	7/0/pc	10/4/pc	9/3/cl	10/4/pc	12/7/sh	12/4/ra
Montreal	5/1/sh	4/-1/cl	9/1/pc	8/0/cl	10/2/pc	10/3/ra	7/0/sh
Regina	18/1/su	14/-1/pc	17/5/pc	18/6/pc	14/4/sh	11/1/sh	8/0/sh
St. John's	12/7/sh	11/2/sh	10/4/sh	9/3/cl	7/2/sh	8/3/pc	9/3/ra
Saskatoon	16/1/pc	12/-2/pc	14/2/pc	14/3/pc	13/2/sh	9/0/mx	8/-1/mx
Vancouver	16/9/pc	12/8/sh	12/8/sh	12/9/ra	14/9/sh	14/9/sh	16/10/pc
Whitehorse	3/-4/pc	2/-5/pc	7/1/sh	6/0/sh	6/-1/mx	4/-2/mx	5/-2/cl
Winnipeg	12/2/pc	13/2/su	11/2/pc	13/3/pc	11/2/sh	8/0/sh	7/-1/mx

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Monday 10/18	8°C	1°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 10/17	12°C	4°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 10/16	11°C	3°C	0.0 mm
Friday 10/15	10°C	3°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 10/14	9°C	5°C	0.5 mm
Wednesday 10/13	11°C	-1°C	0.5 mm
Tuesday 10/12	11°C	1°C	0.0 mm

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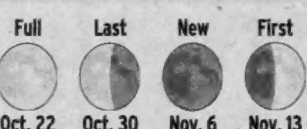


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Fri.	7:39 a.m./6:17 p.m.	5:43 p.m./7:19 a.m.
Sat.	7:40 a.m./6:16 p.m.	6:12 p.m./8:24 a.m.
Sun.	7:42 a.m./6:14 p.m.	6:47 p.m./9:30 a.m.
Mon.	7:43 a.m./6:13 p.m.	7:29 p.m./10:34 a.m.
Tues.	7:44 a.m./6:11 p.m.	8:21 p.m./11:35 a.m.
Wed.	7:46 a.m./6:09 p.m.	9:21 p.m./12:29 p.m.

Full	Last	New	First
			
Oct 22	Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 13



■ This is the third and final story in a three-part series looking at swimming pools – the issues and the benefits. This story examines five communities across the province and their struggle and reward in providing adequate recreation facilities to their population.

Ontario municipalities manage joys and challenges of pools

By Laura Redman

Pools offer joy and challenge to municipalities across the province, but they all agree on one thing – they're worth it.

Port Colborne

Port Colborne is in the process of tendering a bid to build a new Health and Wellness Centre. The town, located on the shores of Lake Erie, has a population of just over 18,500. Port Colborne has had a pool since 1967 – built as a 'Centennial Project'.

Martha Toscher, administrative assistant to the manager of community services for the town – says that pool has given the town good service, but now needs replacing.

"It's met its life span," Toscher said. "We're hoping to limp it through next year."

The town is now in the process of tendering the construction of a new Health and Wellness Complex that would include a pool, a therapeutic pool, a community room and two arenas – that also both need replacing.

Toscher says that while the town received federal infrastructure funds, the town needs to match those funds, and they are now in the tendering process – for the second time. The first time, Toscher said, the tenders were above the budgeted amount and council was forced to scale back the plans and retender the facility. Toscher said they are also looking at private partnership and sponsorship opportunities to help take the plan forward. So is there a possibility that the complex might not get built?

"I guess that is a possibility," Toscher said. "But it won't happen. They will do something, even if it they have to reduce the expectations again because of the price tag."

Toscher said the new facility will be located next to an existing outdoor soccer and baseball complex, putting the recreation facilities into one main area.

"But the pool is a priority for the town, as are the new arenas."

Toscher said the current pool is well used by the large senior demographic in the town – although area children still do swimming lessons there and it does offer the opportunity for some youth employment through lessons and lifeguarding.

"It is well used, but mostly by seniors," Toscher said. "It's mainly used for therapeutic purposes because it's an inexpensive option compared to a privatized pool, so it's affordable for most people."

Are there concerns about the new complex – the cost of building the facility and the subsequent user fees?

"Definitely," Toscher said. "That's become an election issue for many candidates who are worried about the price tag of the facility and the ability of the town members to pay to use it. But there is also a lot of misunderstanding right now about

how much it will actually cost and how much we could lose if we build it. And there are a lot of people in town who are very supportive of the new complex."

Toscher said she grew up in Port Colborne, learned to swim at the Centennial Pool and is looking forward to using the new facility when it's built.

"Absolutely," Toscher said. "I'm excited about it."

Elliot Lake

The town of Elliot Lake is located about two hours west of Sudbury. Once a booming mining town, Elliot Lake attracted a lot of attention during the late 1980s when it began to actively pursue retirees as an affordable place to live – houses were so devalued in the community after the mines pulled out that they were available for \$10-14,000.

The town's active senior recruitment campaign was so successful, that it's now maxed out its current house inventory and needs to grow. The only problem was, the town had a taxation system that would have made any new development charging up to \$9,000 property taxes on any new dwelling. The town's solution to that problem earlier this year was to cut taxes – by a whopping 30 per cent for all residents.

Karen Makela, the town's director of parks and recreation services, said that has meant challenges to her department – because the town also promised they would not cut current services. While some municipal layoffs helped with the budgetary transition, Makela said new user fees have been implemented and seniors' discounts have been cut at most recreation facilities.

Makela said that has been very unpopular with the residents of the town – but she sees it as a common sense approach.

"When people complain, I say, 'Hey, you just got a 30 per cent tax cut and with this system, we're taking more of the burden off of the taxpayers and giving it to the actual users of the facility.'"

The population of the town is heavily weighted with seniors, with only a thousand of the town's 11,500 residents between the ages of zero to 19, meaning most of the residents are on a fixed income – but Makela has a quick response to that complaint too.

"I receive the same paycheque every week, so I'm on a fixed income too," she said. "And let's face it, seniors usually don't have a mortgage, they don't have kids in university, and they usually have more discretionary funds than you or I do."

That being said, the town has also implemented an Affordable Access Policy for its recreational facilities. An idea created by the Ontario government, the policy is meant to ensure that recreation facilities are accessible to all citizens, regardless of income.

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Laurel Broten, Minister of Children and Youth Services and the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues in Ontario visited Haliburton County last Thursday at the invitation of MPP Rick Johnson. The pair toured social service agencies and met with staff to discuss local issues and here they had lunch at the Kozy Korner and stopped to chat for a minute with Haliburton resident Greg Roe.

Minister visits agencies, hears about local issues

By Laura Redman

Minister of Children and Youth Services and the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues in Ontario, Laurel Broten, visited Haliburton County last Thursday at the invitation of MPP Rick Johnson, and the pair sat down to lunch at the Kozy Korner on Highland Street in Haliburton village.

"For me, I'm not here today to make announcements, I'm not here to give public speeches, I'm here to have quiet conversations with people that work in this community every single day doing amazing work helping families, so that I can learn from them and I can take that back and use it as a lens when I'm examining decisions that are in front of me in the year ahead," Broten said.

Johnson said he has been getting ministers up to the riding about once a month to help them understand local issues but they usually go to Lindsay.

"This was a community that I needed to come in to, to better understand how we help families achieve the best outcomes for their kids when the distances to travel are far and when the services

are not next door," Broten said. Johnson and Broten spent the morning with staff at Point in Time in Haliburton and heard presentations from employees about some of the programs and the work that they do.

"Of course there are issues here that are different than in urban settings, particularly when dealing with issues related to youth, so it was a great opportunity for them to chat with the minister about what was going on," Johnson said.

After lunch, the pair were headed to the YWCA Women's Centre on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden to discuss programming and challenges with staff members there. Later that afternoon, the Minister had an appointment to chat with staff at the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society office in Lindsay. It was the minister's first visit to Haliburton. "I think there are lots of parts where remoteness is an issue... so we need to make sure that access to services is available regardless of where you are - and that will sometimes mean different solutions for different parts of the province."

Police warn parents after four-year-old assaulted

Kawartha Lakes OPP are warning parents to be watchful of their children in public places after a serious assault on a four-year-old female child at a local arena in Woodville, Ontario on Monday night.

The OPP were called to the Woodville Arena, about 30 kilometres northwest of Lindsay, after it was reported that a four-year-old girl had been taken from a washroom in the facility and assaulted by an unknown male suspect.

The female victim had entered a washroom in the Woodville arena at about 6:30 p.m. and several minutes later a family member attempted to enter the washroom but found the door locked. After alerting an arena employee, the door was unlocked but the child was not located inside. Moments later the victim was located in a field

adjacent to the arena. Investigators believe that the suspect removed the child through a side washroom exit.

The victim was transported to Lindsay's Ross Memorial hospital and subsequently transferred to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto with serious injuries.

The OPP is reminding the public to be aware of their personal safety and that of their children at all times. Children should not be left unattended anywhere when out in public.

Anyone having information on this crime or any others is asked to contact the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Information can also be reported anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. The investigation is continuing.

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Laura Redman

Homework for new councils



With Monday's election looming, and mail-in ballots probably already enroute, maybe it's time to talk about the issues that didn't receive much attention during this election. With the pool conversation pushed to the forefront by many residents, other urgent issues were put on a backburner - and many candidates showed a woeful lack of knowledge on many large issues at area all candidates meetings. Last week I discussed social housing in this space and expressed my dismay at the general lack of knowledge and interest in this subject expressed by local politicians.

Social housing experts agree, that no Canadian, regardless of their jurisdiction, can take steps toward employment, self-improvement or change without a solid roof

and a place to call home. There is also a new consensus across the country that building social housing not only immediately improves a local economy, but in the long term, improves citizens' prospects for innovation and change. It's understandably hard to be goal-oriented or focused on timeliness at work when you have water pouring through your roof or you're living with your kids in a car.

But there are many other issues that were given limited attention during this campaign - issues that affect all of our lives. Take transportation. Other than school buses, we don't see any public transportation on the horizon, nor do we see any real political interest in discussing transportation issues. Yet, once again, we have social agencies continuously telling us that isolation - geographical and social - are key success factors within mental health challenges, family relationships, community building and kids' performance in school.

The ability to participate is once again, limited to those who can afford a vehicle, and we often forget about those who can't. Some of us even fall into a cycle of blame - if they can't afford it, they don't deserve it - a ludicrous equation at best. Even at a local meeting of transportation minds, there were those who said the real issue with transportation in Haliburton County should be to leave the car at home. But that presumes that people own a car, and have the money to put fuel into it. This issue needs global research into what is happening in other isolated regions of the world - ideas and answers will be found.

This area also needs to be offering higher education to its labour force - if we do have a focus on tourism, why don't we have local college programs that offer specific training in the tourism industries? Saying they're available in Lindsay or Peterborough is like saying to many local families that they're available on the moon. And maybe our college campus could even become a driver within the local economy by offering programs that would develop a skilled labour force that would then attract industry?

Even offering the educational aspect of apprenticeship programs in already well-established Haliburton construction industries would help to provide local expertise and high quality trades people.

Child poverty and family violence are both issues that are tied to the serious lack of broad-thinking, economic development in this county. The current narrow focus on promoting and expanding tourism is doomed to failure. If the Niagara Region can't effectively support its citizens with a tourism-based economy - and its full-time citizens are seriously struggling - how could Haliburton County?

Tourism creates seasonal, low-paying employment and it forces rural people to become servants to the god of money in their own backyards. It's time for the county to start funding innovation and attracting new business enterprise and light manufacturing to the region. And it won't do that without housing, an educated workforce and recreational facilities that families can afford to use.

Why don't we have more doctors here? Not one candidate has done their homework on this issue. Other areas of the province have very successfully attracted and kept young family doctors by offering them housing and/or by offering to pay for their medical school education, in return for a long term commitment to live and work in the community.

That's a very cheap investment in the county's wellbeing. In fact, Belleville was so successful in using this formula, they found themselves quickly maxed out with prospective doctors wanting to come there - what a novelty. And once the doctors arrive, set up practice and start a family, what would be their motivation to leave?

Another issue nobody wants to talk about - and it's a big one - is that nasty 12-letter word - a-m-a-l-g-a-m-a-t-i-o-n. In these tough economic times, with Haliburton County continuously stuck at the bottom of our provincial economy, we need to take a long hard look at what kind of savings municipal amalgamation could provide.

For starters, we could eliminate expensive real estate, salaries and equipment by avoiding duplication of services - we have four building departments to serve 15,000 residents? Even if that population doubles in the summer time, there are many single, efficient building departments serving large major centres - Mississauga, Hamilton and even the City of Toronto - one building department.

We also have five roads departments, five planning departments, four recreation departments, four sets of councillors, four reeves, five municipal offices and four heavily protected county seats filled with employees who compete against each other, instead of working together for the greater good.

Maybe it's time for our local governments to show some fiscal responsibility and put the word amalgamation on the table for serious consideration. Maybe it's time to follow the lead of other regions across the province that have set a leaner example - especially in an area that is continuously hurting.

Building a swimming pool and recreation complex is a great idea, but it can only happen at the county level, so when will the four municipalities understand that they can do a lot more for their citizens with a lot less duplication in government and a lot more common planning. Amalgamation could be the responsible way for local governments to meet their current fiscal challenges, and this area has definite fiscal challenges to face.

Letter of the Week

Thank you for swimming pool stories

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your article and editorial on the swimming pool project for Haliburton County. Good journalism has an impact on a community's progress.

There's just one thing I need to clarify, which is the tax hikes that would have to occur - during our interview, I didn't have the figures in front of me.

According to our preliminary calculations, for the County of Haliburton to operate the pool, the tax increase per property owner per \$100,000 of assessed property value would be \$2.47. If the municipality of Minden Hills operated the pool on its own, the tax increase would be \$9.10 for residents of Minden Hills; and if Dysart et al operated it alone, the increase would be \$6.48 for Dysart residents.

The above figures are based on an operating deficit of \$150,000, once revenues such as user fees and pool rentals have been subtracted.

Gay Bell, Chair of Swimming Pool Initiative
Eagle Lake

More sign vandalism

Dear Editor:

Your article "Sign Vandalism" (Oct. 14) is based on interviews with candidates Reeve McMahon and Ed Litwin. The article implies that Reeve McMahon has borne the brunt of the sign vandalism and this is simply not true.

Had your reporter interviewed other candidates prior to writing this article, he would have learned that ALL candidates have had signs moved, taken down, defaced or removed altogether. Had any members of the Vision Team been contacted in connection with this article, we would have told the reporter about the many sign issues we've faced over the past several weeks. I'm certain there are other candidates with similar stories. Were they contacted during the preparation of this article? If not, why not? If so, why was the Vision Team excluded?

I don't think the vandalism is from any of the candidates or their supporters but from the same people who burned the washroom at Rotary Park and pushed over some of the lights on Riverwalk. It's okay to be disinterested in an election or have an unfavourable point of view about a candidate or candidates but it's not okay to destroy private property or interfere with the rights of others to campaign information.

Happily, it's all over next Monday night. Please vote!

Barb Reid
Councillor, Ward 2
Candidate for Reeve

Pine Avenue safety

Dear Editor:

On October 12, I went to Dysart Council. I wanted to ask for a safer street. I think Pine Ave. is the worst in the village. The steps on the sidewalk make it dangerous for the disabled and young families that have to go onto the road to get around the corner.

We talked about speeding cars, and I gave them a way to start cheaply to fix the problem with a three way stop. I told them about traffic coming, a way to divert a flow of traffic. Council told me I have too much time on my hands, and they're right. I'm on a disability and all I'm doing is looking out for others worse off than me.

In January 2012, all businesses that have one or more employees will have to be handicapped accessible.

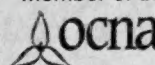
Please look when in the village and see how many steps and barriers stop the disabled from a business. I will continue to fight for our rights. The colour of my house should not be the choice of this or any council.

Dan Slote
Haliburton

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Ten years of service

The Minden Health Care Auxilliary honoured Ollie Rome, Marilyn Burrows, Winn Taylor, Donna Monk, Corrine Arsenault-Hector, Irene Alexander, Aileen Blears, Jean Cox, Georgina Deeks, Ruth Hamilton, Pam Manser, Billie Shyler, Irma Walker and Norma Nobbles for their 10 years of volunteer service to the organization.

Dear Editor:

End of discussion

Dear Editor:

Perhaps it's time to finish the ongoing dialogue regarding my postal code, etc. BUT, Jerry, the question is still unanswered as my address was actually C, and all of my bills arrived here safely. Perhaps all the checks went to RR 1.

So, my new postal code is K0M 1J1 even though the old address was actually RR 2. This has been confirmed by Canada Post and the Minden Post Office.

Final regards,
Jim Gillanders
Minden

Could happen on your lake

Dear Editor:

It could happen on your Minden Hills Lake. It is difficult to believe that a developer can get approval to build a boathouse up to 100 feet in length on the shores of one of Minden Hills beautiful lakes. I'm not sure if the claimed knowledge of the building code or ability to get around the current laws has allowed this to happen, but it sure doesn't make sense. I had thought you needed to have a cottage or building on the lot. Apparently in this case, this is not a requirement. My expectations of elected council, CAO Gerry Morrison and CBO Ken Jones are that they would have laws in place and enforce those laws that would only allow boathouses that are reasonable in size - not larger than would accommodate a couple of average-sized boats.

If this project proceeds, it is a failure by Minden Hills Council and Department Heads appointed by Council to act in the best interests of the residents of Minden Hills.

I challenge each of the candidates seeking a seat on council to take a public position on this development. It could happen on your lake.

Bob Kirk
Gull Lake

Farewell to Wild Orchid

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend to Ron and Suwann best wishes on their new journey and say thank you for the many wonderful years that the Wild Orchid and Gambells Antiques has been in business in Minden Hills. You have served not only our community, but the many visitors that have travelled to and through Minden Hills.

You have brought something very special to our community and for that we are truly thankful. We all look forward to your return to Minden Hills.

Reeve Jim McMahon
Minden Hills

Arts do receive support

Dear Editor:

Ms. English, Chair of the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands, writes that the Arts have received very little support from Municipal Councils. I don't know where she came from, but obviously she has not done her homework.

The Rails End Gallery in Dysart et al has regularly received a grant of \$50,000 as well as the free use of the old railway station. By my calculation over the years they have received over one million dollars of our tax monies in support. In order to do this the township has laid off a municipal employee - the curator of the museum for three months every winter and last year also laid off also the Director. I would suggest that this money could be better spent on roads and infrastructure, and yes, maybe even a pool.

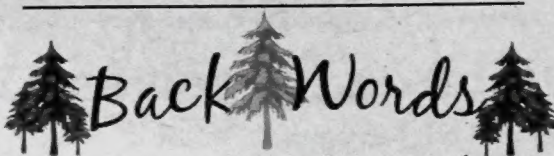
She states that McKeck's reported their biggest single day sales on record during the Art in the Park event. Let's face it, people do not come to Haliburton for the arts. They come for nature, water sports, fishing, wake boarding, water skiing, snow skiing, snowboarding, etc. For example, during the Bass Tournament more than 300 people arrived and stayed a week. All accommodations were filled. They bought groceries and Foodland sold more take out lunches that week than ever.

If we go by her standards, everyone who supports tourism should be subsidized by the township, for example Sir Sam's Inn and the water ski school. She quotes statistics which are rather confusing and do not properly apply to Haliburton County.

She states that artists assist the local economy by paying taxes, rent, buying groceries, etc. Well don't we all need gas, groceries and pay taxes? And yes, the cottagers also pay their share. One cannot help but wonder how many people the more than 300 artisans she mentions employ?

One would hope that when elected the candidates remember that there are other things besides the arts.

Bill Beatty
Drag Lake



Voice announces first annual Back Words Short Story Contest

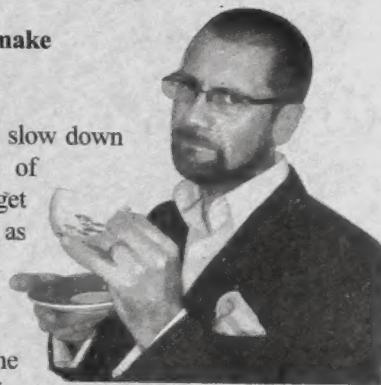
The County Voice, in partnership with R.D. Lawrence Place, is pleased to announce the first annual Back Words Short Story Contest. This writing contest features three age categories: Child - ages eight to 12; Youth - ages 13 to 18; and Adult - everyone else 19 years and over. This contest does not have a boring theme - instead the challenge is that all writers must include the following five words in their fictional short story: canoe, Gelert, library, dancing and umbrella. All entries must be 750 words or less, and must include the writer's contact name and information on a separate cover page. Contest deadline is November 26.

The Outsider

By Will Jones

How not to make enemies

Steady on old chaps: slow down with the bucket loads of bonhomie! Don't you get it? I'm The Outsider, as per the headline on this article. If you all keep up this friendliness lark I'll soon know everyone in the county and the Voice will cancel my column!



Will Jones

As an escapee from the British Isles, a land where we are so stand-offish, so reserved that anything more than a curt nod of the head or brisk tipping of the hat by way of salutation could be seen as frightfully familiar, this Haliburtonian way of striding right up to a fellow, slapping him on the back and bellowing 'HOW ARE YA' is altogether rather a shock to the system.

On emigrating to your fair land I wondered and worried about many things - work, the weather, bugs, bears, driving on the other side of the road... the list was long and winding - but perhaps the thing I pondered most was, could my family and I make friends with the locals?

Would we find new chums to help lessen the sense of loneliness that might grip following our 4,000 mile move, an ocean away from family and friends of old?

I needn't have worried. As I wander down the main street of my adopted manor, I wave a cheery 'ello there' to the insurance broker, the outfitter guy, bank manager and every second passerby. They've all made my acquaintance and a mighty fine bunch they are too.

Everyone knows everyone else in Haliburton and it seems are pleased to know me, too. This warmth and geniality is a wonderful thing but at times it can make me quite giddy. Your friendliness and generosity of spirit is something I've longed for but it is a heady concoction that this fellow from London, England is not used too.

In the capital city of my homeland anonymity is cherished as much if not more so than friendliness. Pedestrians' eyes are fixed firmly on the ground four steps in front; passengers on buses skilfully ignore their neighbours; even when crammed into an underground train, pressed together like sardines in a can, these urbanites maintain a stony silence and icy cold shoulder that would crack even the Shield of granite on which your friendliest of communities is built.

The reason for this hooded hostility, this practiced ignorance, is a mystery to me. However, in lieu of an explanation - and also by way of an apology to any one of you who has visited London - I believe that with so many folks to choose from, people in London are flummoxed as to whom to make friends with.

They busy themselves with their self-important little lives, all the while wary of strangers, anyone who might, god forbid, strike up a friendly conversation!

Here, on the other hand, I'm welcomed as a new member of a community by everyone. I'm over-run with new friends. I'm indebted to many of you for the advice on the dos and don'ts of living in these beautiful highlands (yes, I understand about garbage and critters, but being English I sit up at night proffering cucumber sandwiches to passing raccoons). I'm amazed at the immediate conviviality and continued courtesy of the realtor, café waitresses and LCBO staff (although I do go avail myself of their services regularly). Even the fellow who pushes a shopping cart around town has a pleasant word to say.

Friendliness it seems is a disease that everyone in this county is afflicted with. I'm overwhelmed with it, dumbfounded by the amount being poured my way, and, at times bewildered as to how to respond. And, on that note I'd like to add that if we have already met, and yet, on second meeting - when you stroll over, slap me on the back and bellow 'HOW ARE YA' - I seem slightly bemused, it's not that I'm being stand-offish, reserved or unfriendly. It's just that I've met so many great new folks in my short time here that I've forgotten your name and am frightfully embarrassed about that.

Or maybe it's the fact that I've been warned off making any more new friends by the Voice because it will ruin my reputation as The Outsider!

Correction

A photo that appeared in last week's edition had a member of Simply Befuddled incorrectly identified. Beth Johns was actually appearing with Norris Turner at the Grannies for Africa fundraiser held at the Stouffer Mill B & B.

Algonquin Highlands

Henderson acclaimed

By Jerry Grozelle

Gordon Henderson has been acclaimed as councillor for Ward 1 of Algonquin Highlands Township. His family has owned property on Kawagama Lake since the 1940s and he spent summers there since his childhood.

Henderson grew up in Ottawa and after graduation from college spent 17 years working for a multi-national computer company.

When the opportunity to buy a marina at Dorset became available, he decided it was time to realize his dream of being his own boss.

During the next 14 years, Henderson made several major improvements to the business. When he sold the marina, he and his wife Leslie remained on Kawagama Lake.

Both Gord and Leslie are currently realtors with Century 21 in Huntsville. Their two grown children still enjoy cottage life in the Dorset area.

Community involvement has been a part of Henderson's life for many years. A 17-plus year veteran of the Dorset Lions Club, Henderson currently serves as the club's treasurer.

He has also served on the board of the Haliburton County De-

velopment Corporation in various capacities for 15 years. "I'm currently on the Skills Development Committee, where we provide funding to local business initiatives to improve their competitiveness in the marketplace," he said. He has also served on the Dorset Recreation Committee in the past.

Henderson says he is committed to being available to the people he represents, to listen to their concerns and to take those concerns to the council table.

He said he will make sure his constituents have a strong voice, not only in the township but at the county level.

He added that he will strive to ensure tax dollars are used effectively. Support for the local economy, local projects and initiatives are among his goals.

The environment is important to Henderson. "I am committed to ensure that our pristine environment is preserved for future generations," he said.

"As councillor of Ward 1 in Algonquin Highlands I look forward to being involved with the various committees and initiatives to assist and voice our ideas and concerns," he said.

"As a resident of the ward for almost 20 years, I feel a commitment to achieve the goals of this area."



Work of Tory Hill artists chosen by Winterfest

By Mark Arike

Medals for the 2011 Winter Games have been unveiled to the public.

This past Monday, general manager of the games Myke Malone announced that Tory Hill glass artists Terry Craig and Jennifer-Wanless Craig of Artech Studios were selected to design this year's gold, silver and bronze medals.

"We put out a call for submissions through the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands," said Malone of the selection process. "Four incredible awards were submitted and Marci Mandel and the special events committee had the challenge of selecting one that will be awarded to the Ontario Senior Games athletes in February."

"We are excited to be a part of this venture," said Terry Craig



in a press release. "As artists, it is always wonderful to be recognized as a business that can work in conjunction with this type of event. Haliburton is a great place that understands that these partnerships are possible."

Since the Craig's are limited to producing six awards per day, production was started this week to ensure that the 450 awards are ready for the ceremonies.

Marci Mandel, member of the Winterfest committee, said that the award, which features the Winterfest logo, is a perfect representation of what Haliburton County is all about.

"Haliburton County is renowned as a hockey and arts community," she explained, "so it is only fitting to send these athletes home with not just a sport award, but also a piece of art from Haliburton."

Whole community should benefit from Winterfest

By Mark Arike

Myke Malone, general manager of Winterfest 2011, told Dysart council that should the sporting event prove to be a success, the whole community as a whole will benefit.

In an update given to councillors on Tuesday regarding the senior winter games event scheduled to take place on Feb. 15 - 17 of next year, Malone said that organizers are "very much looking forward to delivering" what they believe will be the "best set of the games the province has ever seen."

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Malone highlighted important figures including: numbers of athletes expected to attend, locations of sporting events, entertainment that has been confirmed, and more.

"We're five months away from opening ceremonies and things are coming along quite well," he said.

During the three-day event, Haliburton County will play host to 900 - 1,000 participants, coaches and officials who will compete in 10 sporting events held at local arenas.

All competitors are 55 or older. The event is brought to the county in association with SportAlliance and the Ontario Senior Games Association.

"This is the highest level of competition for athletes across Ontario, 55 years of age and over," Malone said.

In addition to bringing councillors up-to-speed on the games'

activities, Malone announced that awards for the athletes were being made by local artists Terry Craig and Jennifer-Wanless Craig of Artech Studios.

"We went put out a call to artists in Haliburton County and we had four great submissions in different mediums," he explained, adding that the awards would be revealed sometime next week.

For participating athletes, about 10,000 meals will be served; over 30 buses per day will be required to transport them; and over 2,000 bed nights will be provided by local accommodators.

Opening ceremonies will take place at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and will feature some "first-rate" local entertainment. The Stanley Cup will also make its way to the event for display.

At the closing ceremonies, showman and mentalist "the Amazing Kreskin" will put on a live performance - with a unique twist.

"We're going to hide his cheque [payment for show] somewhere in the auditorium," said Malone. "If he doesn't tell me where the cheque is while on stage, the show is free."

Malone listed the event's various sponsors, and announced one that company that will be coming on-board as the "presenting sponsor". He later said that an official announcement would be made in the coming weeks.

When asked by reeve Murray Fearrey how the finances are, Malone said that "revenues are about \$12,000 over the budget forecast."

Winterfest receives \$25,000 from grant program

Winterfest 2011 has received \$25,000 through the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program to put toward equipment for the Senior Games being held in Haliburton County next February.

MP Barry Devolin, on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, and the Honourable Diane Ablonczy, Minister of State (Seniors), made the funding announcement on Oct. 5.

"The Government of Canada is committed to improving the lives of seniors, and is proud to support local organizations with the same goal," said Devolin in a press release.

"This project brings new opportunities for seniors to contribute their skills, knowledge and experience for the benefit of the entire community."

The money will help organizers purchase equipment for Winter-

fest 2011. Following the end of the games in early February, the equipment will stay in the community to be used for seniors programs that promote and encourage healthy living.

Myke Malone, general manager of Winterfest 2011, confirmed that the money will go towards the purchase of new volleyball nets and bridge tables for use at the games, and the nets and tables will be donated back into the community when the games are complete.

"Overall, this money just helps us produce what we expect will be the finest games that Ontario has ever seen," Malone said.

This project is funded under the Community Participation and Leadership component of the New Horizons for Seniors Program. It is one of 797 projects that were approved through the 2010-2011 Community Participation and Leadership call for proposals, providing over \$15.9 million in funding. □



Wilberforce and Cardiff Elementary School principal Elaine Fournier gets her turn on the new hopscotch court built by students at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

Photo by Mark Arike

Hip-hip hooray for hopscotch

By Mark Arike

Students were jumping with joy when it came time to have their first go at a mosaic hopscotch game they helped build.

The court, located at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce, is one of three in the county made by those in the Point In Time after-school recreation program.

"We worked on this to celebrate the program and to make a permanent recreation piece for the Lloyd Watson," program coordinator Erin Lynch told students on Monday afternoon, minutes before their first hop, skip and jump. Other hopscotch courts are located in include Minden, Wilberforce and Cardiff. The materials to construct them were donated by businesses Brooklin Concrete, Minden Home Hardware and Cordell Carpet.

The after-school program, now in its seventh year, is "barrier-free". "The idea [of the program] is to promote physical recreation, social interaction and provide students leadership opportunities," said Lynch. "We have over 90 kids coming out weekly to each of the communities," she added.

In addition to creating the new hopscotch courts, kids get to participate in a variety of games and activities.

Since the program heavily relies on funding and community support, donations are always welcome. For all inquiries call Point In Time at 705-457-5345 (Haliburton) or 705-286-2191 (Minden).



Creative economy has broad definition

By Mark Arike

Jim Blake and Andrew Hodgson want to dismiss any misconceptions that might be floating around Haliburton County about the growing creative economy.

"When I'm reading the papers, I see the creative economy getting slammed. I think there's a perception out there that the creative economy is strictly arts-based," said Hodgson, who chairs the Haliburton County Development Corporation's (HCDC) creative economy committee. "The arts is a part of it, however, it's not exactly our whole push."

"It's all about innovative activity," said Blake, a consultant on the committee. "What we'd like to see it [creative economy] do here is create new wealth, improve the quality of life and support the natural environment."

According to the committee's definition of the creative economy, any type of business can be a part of it. "What they [business people] have in common is that they create new wealth in the community through creative thinking and innovation," their explanation states.

The creative economy concept is one that was brought to the forefront of community planning by Richard Florida, one of the world's leading public intellectuals on economic competitiveness, demographic trends, and cultural and technological innovation.

"This term came out of research when he started looking at the economy in North America in a variety of different ways," Blake said. "When he's using the term creative, he's referring to people who use knowledge and ideas in a creative way to do their work."

Artists fit into that creative category, but so do a wide-range of other professions. Certain percentages of jobs in agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, manufacturing, construction, and information technology – to name a few – fit into what's considered creative.

In Haliburton County, the creative economy committee was formed in 2009 by members of the HCDC board. The current board consists of seven members, including representation from the county in Bob Smith, director of economic development, tourism and marketing.

"We [the board] had been talking about this for years," Blake said, explaining that talk turned into action after the board attended a presentation given by Dan Taylor, economic development officer for Prince Edward County. "He spoke about what's going in Prince Edward County, and how you attract people working in the creative economy."

Statistics provided (Census of Population, 2006) show that the

creative economy has been responsible for the largest percentage of job creation growth over the past decade – more than in the service, working and agricultural sectors.

After finding their focus, the committee held a think tank event at which a lot of ideas were brainstormed between cottagers, local business owners and others.

"There was a basket of ideas that came out of that," Blake said.

Since the creative economy formed, its members have launched a series of initiatives to highlight the creativity that already exists in the county, and entice others – already familiar with the area – to bring their businesses here.

"If people are living here, even if they're spending a few days of the week, it creates good spin-offs for the county," Hodgson said, referring to new dollars flowing into the economy.

The most recent campaign, launched by the committee this past summer to draw more attention to the creative economy movement, was "Innovative Haliburton". Through it, 13 profiles on businesses had been written and posted to the HCDC's web site (www.haliburtoncdc.ca), and advertisements placed in the local media.

Examples of businesses featured to date include those in the food industry, construction, retail and the arts.

"You can tell people that Haliburton is a great place, and you can say that you can run your business here, but are they really going to believe you? People will believe it if they see somebody else who's running a business similar to theirs here," Blake said. "We want to identify those businesses and pull them into the fold."

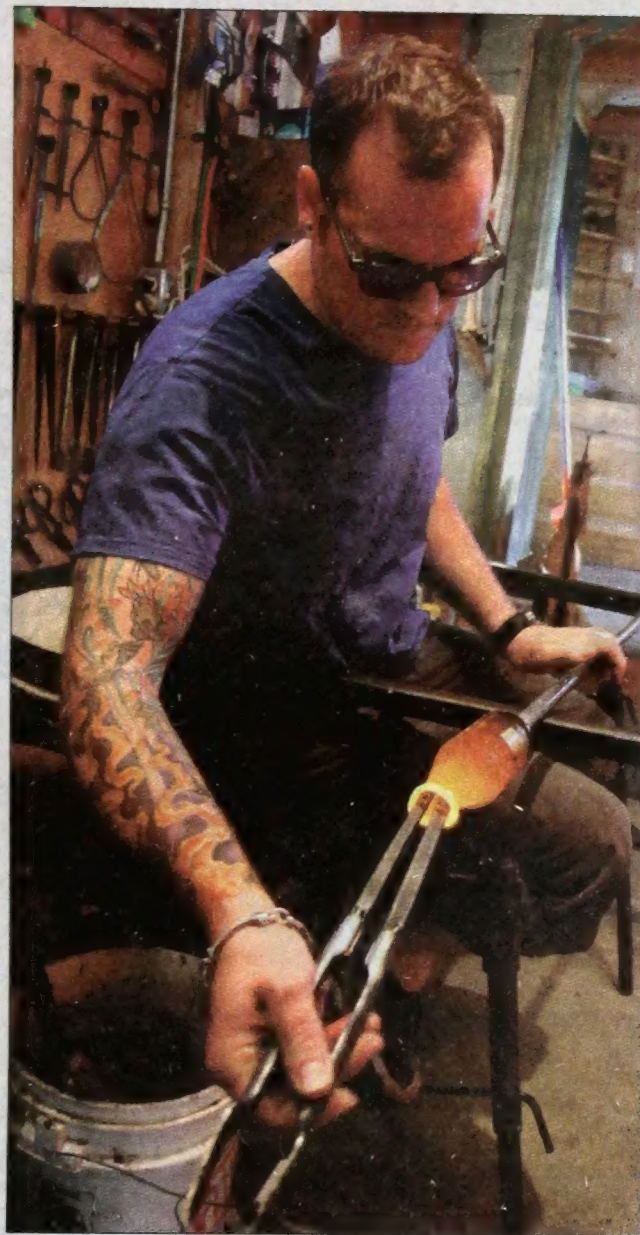
And for those who might be new to running their own businesses and need some assistance or guidance, the HCDC is waiting in the wings.

"We have the ability to provide business loans, or provide funding for skills development... we have a number of programs that can help," Blake said of the 25-year-old not-for-profit organization.

In an announcement made on Wednesday, Oct. 6, Blake and Hodgson said that three local businesses would be featured in three to five minute long promotional videos.

"When we did our advertising campaign, we said that we would accept any business that approached us by September 1 into a pool, and we would pick three businesses to be featured in a video," Blake explained. "We were so excited by all of them that we decided to do a fourth video, which will take a broader look at the creative economy in Haliburton County."

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Terry Craig blows glass in the Tory Hill studio he shares with Jennifer Wanless Craig. Their business, Artech Studios, is just one of three local businesses set to be featured in a video by Highlands Media Arts.

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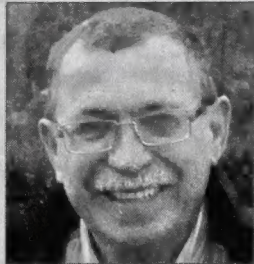
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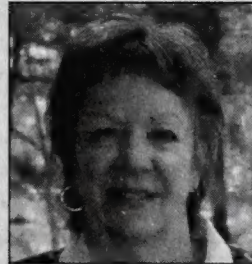


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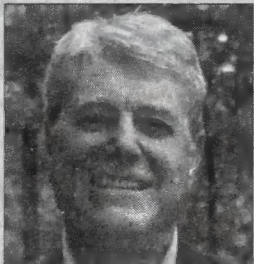
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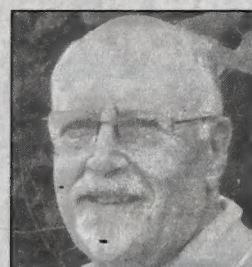
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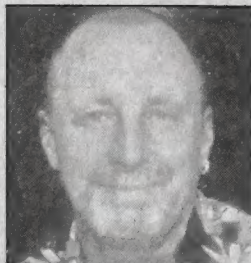


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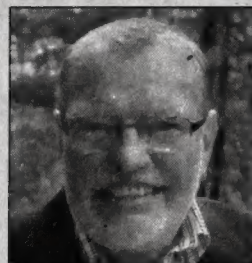
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Elliot Lake pool offers discounts to residents in need

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Using a sliding scale based on how many members there are in a family and what the annual family income is, Elliot Lake offers three points of entry – people who need a bit of help, more help and then lots of help, with some residents able to discount 90 per cent of the user fees.

While the system sounds equitable and Makela says it's helping those who need help, there was a huge backlash from the seniors – her solution?

"Don't ever put a seniors discount in place," Makela said. "This isn't the old days, most retirees these days have a pension."

The pool facility in Elliot Lake is now more than 40 years old and needs replacing, and the town just completed an extensive Feasibility Study in 2009 on the building of a new facility that would house a new pool, an arena, a fitness centre, a multi-purpose family room and library. Outside the building, the town envisions tennis courts, a skateboard park and a splashpad.

Makela said for her, the pool is number one.

"A pool is absolutely important to any community – all recreation – but especially pools, because pools have the biggest participation life span – from babies to as old as they want to go," Makela said. "It's the number one facility used by seniors in this country. There's an age when you stop going to arenas, but pools serve the entire age gamut."

Makela said that pools are also a huge selling point on inviting people to live in the community.

"It is old, but it still is a beautiful pool," Makela said. "But we also have the arena and the ski hill, and if I was looking at two communities with comparable house prices and taxes, it would be, 'What am I, stupid? I'm going to choose the community that has the most recreation options.'"

Makela said that of course, there is the aspect of healthy living, and communities being proactive in health care instead of reactive – spending money on initiatives that promote active living instead of health care for chronic diseases caused by inactivity and obesity.

When told that swimming pools had become a focus in the municipal election in Haliburton County, Makela laughed and said, "Good. I'm glad. Recreation facilities should take over the election." She related an incident while she was working in Sudbury. A councillor stood up at a meeting and said the council should be supporting roads, not recreation.

"I thought, 'Oh, you are so stupid. Did you hear what you just said? How could you put roads before people? I can dodge the potholes, but when I see that pool is full and people are getting healthy, that's what really matters. It's about the greater good of the community.' And if you want to attract doctors, Makela said the way to do it is through recreation facilities.

"They look at things like, what is here for my children. If they have three or four communities recruiting them in Timbuctoo, then that decision is going to come down to quality of life and what extras are available in the community.

Makela said she's heard all the arguments against – why don't people just swim in the lakes...

"We have maybe two weeks here out of every summer where people can swim in the lakes because it's so darn cold," Makela said. "Seniors don't take well to cold water."

For the people who say, they don't use the facility and they don't want to pay for it, Makela has a response to them too.

"People need to look at the good of the entire community. We have less vandalism, less crime, less social isolation, because you have these options available – what value can you place on that?"

The current lap pool has six lanes, and the facility also houses a wading pool, hot tub, a sauna in each change room and a fitness facility – it's located right behind the high school, but Makela said at the moment, it gets very little use by the school.

As for where the town is going to get funding for its new recreation complex, Makela said they just need the money to build it – they've already figured they can save \$200,000 annually by combining all of those facilities under one roof – in salaries alone.

They are looking at all possibilities, including a partnership with the hospital and privatizing the fitness centre part of the operation. Makela said they had a \$15 million dollar infrastructure grant approved by the federal government for 48 hours.

"Then they yanked it," Makela said. "They turned us down flat the first time, then they approved us and then 48 hours later, rescinded the decision." Makela has her suspicions about why Elliot Lake was refused.

"We're not a Conservative riding," Makela said. "A full 73 per cent of those infrastructure dollars went to Conservative ridings. We're NDP. We've done six applications for funding and none of them were approved."

But with Makela steering the recreation helm, the new facility will become a reality and it will contain a new pool. "I'm very passionate about my job and I more than a little biased on the importance of swimming pools," Makela said. "If I knew that I could only build one facility in my community, it would be a pool."

Kirkland Lake

Bonnie Sackrider is director of community services in Kirkland

Lake, Ontario. Kirkland Lake is a town of about 9,000, located about 250 km north of North Bay. Sackrider said their swimming pool and recreation facilities also serve about another 4,000 in outlying areas surrounding the town.

She said the pool is very well used and it's rare to find a time of day when it isn't full – especially between 4 to 10 p.m., "It's packed."

But Kirkland Lake is also facing the same dilemma as Port Colborne and Elliot Lake – they need a new pool. Their existing pool was built in 1978 with money from Wintario, and Sackrider says repairs to it are now happening on a weekly basis.

"I wish I had a crystal ball so I could say just how long it will last," Sackrider said. "But it's on its last legs and we are now looking to build a new pool." When asked if that issue was brought up during the run up to their municipal election, Sackrider said, absolutely.

"The issue was brought up most emphatically at an all candidates meeting," she said. "All of the council candidates spoke in favour of it and I think we're all in agreement, we need a new pool."

The pool is housed in the Joe Mavrinac Community Complex, a multi-purpose facility, also offering an arena, squash courts and a fitness facility. While Sackrider said the town has a fairly large senior population who come to the pool five days a week – no matter what – they are still struggling to come up with a solution – and when.

"Right now we're investigating the possibility of further repairs and it's a question of how do we do that, when do we do it and who does it," Sackrider said. "We don't have any nice mines or mills that can donate money towards it."

Sackrider said the recreation complex is always on the tour when the town hosts a doctor recruitment drive, and local service clubs and businesses support the pool by sponsoring swims, so the community can swim for free, but the municipality still gets paid the rental fee.

But for Sackrider, the best part about the pool are the opportunities it offers the community – through a kids swim team, an adult masters swim team that is open to 13-year-olds and up and a lifeguard program that recruits local Grade Five students into a long term training program to produce local lifeguard. The program that was developed and implemented after the town experienced chronic shortages in lifeguard recruitment.

As for the masters swim team, Sackrider said she is a member along with her 13-year-old son, but the average age is closer to 50 years with one new addition two weeks ago of a woman who was 80-plus. The practises include warm-ups, drills, laps and a cool down.

"I don't compete, but a number of the people on the team do," Sackrider said. "For me, it's all about spending quality time with my son."

Hanover

The town of Hanover Ontario, according to the 2006 Census, has a population of just over 7,200. It's located about 11 km east of Walkerton, and about 62 km south of Owen Sound in Grey-Bruce County. Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, Sherri Walden, said Hanover built a pool that was completed in May of 1996. She said the pool is the only indoor municipal pool within about a 30-minute drive, meaning it's used by a greater population of up to 35-40,000 from the surrounding towns of Walkerton, Durham, Mount Forest and more.

That translates into about 80,000 patron visits per year to public swims or parent/tot swims, with about another 1,500 people involved in lessons and registered programs.

Walden said at the time the pool was built, it was added onto an existing arena facility, the Hanover Coliseum. She called it a 'leisure concept facility' and it contains a five-lane, 25-metre lap pool, with a shallow end of three feet and a deep end depth of 10 feet. The facility also boasts a separate beach entry wading pool which has play facilities and is kept about 10 degrees warmer than the lap pool.

Walden thinks the feasibility study for the pool began back in 1988 and it was at the time, a \$3.8 million dollar project – with the town of Hanover contributing \$1.6 million, the province, \$1.2 million and community fundraising, \$1 million. The indoor pool replaced an older outdoor pool facility.

The town has now just completed a new recreation complex that replaced the original arena facility attached to the pool and is now called the P & H Centre. This \$10.5 million dollar project received \$3.5 million each from the federal government and provincial governments through the Building Canada grant program. The other \$2.5 million was financed by the municipality, and another \$1 million was raised through community fundraising – a process that took about 18 months. The community fundraising included a successful formula that Walden is proud of – community members were able to 'name' various areas of the arena – including dressing rooms – for a time of up to 20 years.

Walden said many schools in the area take full advantage of the indoor pool, offering swimming lessons to children from JK through to Grade 6 in a nine-week swim program.

"The program is run during the school day and is part of the school's phys ed program," Walden said, adding that parents do pay for the program, and the municipality bills the schools directly.

In Hanover, the children walk to the pool and from outside, kids

are bused in.

Walden said that while Hanover does have a large senior population, the pool is used by folks of all ages.

"It's really varied," Walden said. But for Walden, one of the pool's main values is the opportunity it offers to teach children and adults of all ages how to swim – what she a necessary life skill.

"People need to learn to swim and to be safe near water. We are so close to so many bodies of water, so it's a very important life skill for everyone to learn."

Walden said that pools and any recreation facility can have a huge impact on the community, but warns that municipalities need to do their homework.

"We started looking at building this new facility back in 2002 or 2003 and we spent a long time evaluating our future recreation direction and whether we should further invest in or replace our aging arena," Walden said.

Picton

There is at least one example of private and public recreational partnerships at work in small-town Ontario. Art Knight is a local teacher and president of the Board of Directors that manages the Prince Edward Fitness and Aquatic Centre (PEFAC) located in Picton, Ontario. According to the 2006 census, Picton is a town of about 4,000 people in the municipality of Prince Edward County (PEC), which has a total population of just under 25,000, within the Quinte Region.

Knight said PEFAC was built and is still owned by a private individual in PEC, and was run as a private fitness club for about 20 years. But when that individual decided he no longer wanted to run the club, a group of club members decided they wanted to take it over and keep it going. The group formed a board of directors and asked the owner if they could rent the facility back from him. Knight said, five years on, they are established as a non-profit entity and still rent the facility from the private owner. PEFAC has an indoor pool, squash courts, a weight room, aerobics studios and a competitive swim team – the Dolphin Swim Team – which were all previously in place.

"We've had to upgrade the cardio stuff," Knight said. "Actually, there have been lots of different upgrades throughout the five years, and we're still renting the building from that individual."

Knight said they keep the facility going with several revenue streams – their annual memberships (they have about 500 annual members), seasonal memberships (through the summer months they have held a very successful \$99 for 99 days membership drive), and through fundraising dinners, events and grants.

"We've managed to obtain grants from the county and the first year, from Trillium," Knight said. He said council was reluctant to support them at first, but they've now managed to obtain a commitment for a specific dollar amount for five years, but only after they created a concrete business plan.

"They wanted to see our business plan, so we scurried around and put together a five-year plan," Knight said with a laugh. "I'm a teacher, so that was a new process for me, but they were very impressed."

Knight said they have also been successful in applying for and receiving capital funds from the municipality on an annual basis. "It's very challenging to keep it going," Knight said. "Just the pool itself is a very expensive part of operating the centre, with the cost of chlorine, filters, pumps, and the cost of heating the water – it all adds up."

But on the flip side, Knight said he has heard people say they moved to PEC because that recreational facility was there – and it has offered a unique programming opportunity for area schools.

"We now have a program for the Grade Threes from all of the schools in the county called Swim to Survive and that's offered during the school day," Knight said. "A lot of them can't swim, and here we are surrounded by water, so this gives them an opportunity to achieve a level of competence in the water – they don't all get to that level, but they do have that opportunity."

On the PEFAC website, the stated vision is: "PEFAC envisions a community aquatic and fitness facility that provides recreational, therapeutic and social opportunities for people of all ages and abilities". It doesn't mention income levels, and Knight admits that the facility has been labeled as 'elitist'. However, he also said they do offer membership assistance to families who they consider truly in need.

"It's a very strict process," Knight said. "Our manager has a policy that if you can afford a cell phone, you don't need assistance, but we do have some members that are on the assistance program."

Knight said the pool sees frequent use by area seniors, and that local doctors have also been very supportive. But would the pool have been built if it hadn't already been there? Knight responds with a scenario that sounds familiar.

"I'm not sure," Knight said. "There was a pool committee here about 10 years ago, but they didn't get very far – they raised a bit of money and then the idea died. I don't know. I know the municipality is really strapped for money, that's the reason that we were successful in getting the grant funds – they realize it's a lot cheaper to support us than to maintain their own facility."

"But I also think now, there would be a lot of pressure on the municipality to help keep us open, or even to build a municipal pool if we had to shut down."

Minden library adds new pages in first year

By Mark Arike

In the past year that the new Minden Hills library branch has been open, circulation has doubled from the previous year and patronage has increased considerably.

These facts, and a number of others, were revealed at the library's one-year anniversary party held on Friday, Oct. 8.

"Since opening, use of the library has soared," said Elly Malcomson, chair of the Minden Hills library advisory committee, in a speech at the event.

Located at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, the library is a 5,000-square-foot building that opened on Oct. 2, 2009.

It replaced the old, 800-square-foot location that closed on Aug. 23, 2009 and was designated the cultural centre's common room. Statistics provided show that circulation went from 15,299 between September 2008 to August 2009, to 30,628 between September 2009 and August 2010.

In addition to the increase in publications, the branch has gone from having three available computer sta-



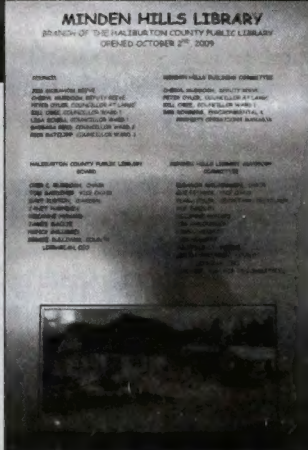
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tions to 11. And according to Malcomson, high-speed internet connections and Wi-Fi service have enticed patrons to bring in their laptops.

"That [feature] has increased patronage considerably," she said.

Since opening, hours have also increased from 27 to 44 per week. Following Malcomson's speech, Bessie Sullivan, CEO of the Haliburton County Pub-

lic Library system and Cheryl Murdoch, chair of the Haliburton County Library board, revealed a plaque dedicated to all those who made the project possible. □



Five years of service: The Minden Health Care Auxiliary honoured Blanche Carr, Sheila Corp, John Fortune, Marian Gillanders, Carol Hussul, Marie Lennard, Lynn Preston, Susan Reed and Mary Trumbull for their five years of service.

Auxiliary celebrates 10 years

On Thursday October 7th, the Minden Health Care Auxiliary gathered at Highland Crest to celebrate 10 years of service and to recognize its members who have reached special milestones as auxiliary volunteers.

Before the presentations, Paul Rosebush, President and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services addressed the gathering. "We are in good shape financially this year," he reassured them. He praised the support of the community at large, and the health care auxiliary specifically, and expressed optimism that services will continue in both Minden and Haliburton with no reductions.

In addition to raising funds to purchase medical equipment needed at the hospital, Minden Health Care Auxiliary volunteers provide the human touch, social activities, entertainment and emotional support to residents of Hyland Crest, services that cannot be measured in dollars.

In closing, Reeve Jim McMahon, discussed the importance that volunteers play within the community. He conveyed his thanks to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary for its invaluable contributions and presented MHC President, Chris Wilde, with a certificate of congratulations on behalf of the Township of Minden Hills. □

Township consults with Fire Marshall's office

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The township's CAO, Juanita Dempster-Evans, issued a press release Tuesday morning outlining what the municipality is doing to rectify the situation. It was noted that the process may take some time. The township is determined to approach the situation with the necessary time and consideration that it deserves.

"In consultation with the Office of the Fire Marshall, council will seek the services of an independent professional from the fire service to seek and interview those with operational concerns related to the Fire Prevention and Protection Act 1997, the Occupational Health and Safety Act, other legislative requirements and the council-approved Master Fire Plan. The purpose of this approach is to allow the fire fighters to express themselves to an objective third party who will have no bias. A report will be provided to council in order to determine what, if any, actions may be necessary to correct any operational deficits identified," the press release states. "These interviews will not include the activities of the Fire Fighters' Association since the association remains an independent organization outside of the jurisdiction of the township's provision of fire and emergency services. Council has been informed that the Dorset Fire Fighters' Association has removed its fundraising equipment from the fire hall and reiterates its best wishes and hopes for continued success in its charitable good works for the area.

"The township has also asked the Fire Marshal's Office to provide its recent service provision review in order to assure the public that every appropriate measure has been adopted to ensure ongoing emergency services to the citizens served by Station 60 Dorset.

"The widespread suggestion that members of council don't care about or understand this situation is vastly incorrect. Members are highly aware, very concerned and committed to an organized and methodical approach to the continuation of legislated emergency services in the Dorset area. Fire services in rural Ontario are vastly different today than they have been in the past. As noted previously, these services are governed primarily by the Prov-

ince of Ontario through such Acts and agencies as the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office, the Ministry of Labour, the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Fire Prevention and Protection Act of 1997. Prescribed regulations apply to all fire services in Ontario, including the three fire halls in Algonquin Highlands and the volunteers who staff them."

During the candidates meeting in Dorset, on the evening of October 11, it was suggested that the Dorset Fire Department be returned to the independent status it had before the amalgamation in 2000. According to the press release that is not an option. "Council will not be considering the return of Station 60 Dorset to its pre-amalgamation status, nor will the words Algonquin Highlands be taken off any piece of firefighting equipment. Training will continue at all three fire halls, not only in accordance with the FPPA, but also as identified in the Fire Master Plan, which was approved by the Office of the Fire Marshal, Council, the Fire Chief and all three District Chiefs.

"Those citizens who continue to serve their community as fire fighters or are interested in joining the department will be afforded every opportunity to do so. It's anticipated that the community concurs and will abstain from any behaviour or activities which may prevent the community from being fully served by current or new volunteers," the press release states.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said council will continue to support the volunteers in Dorset.

"What we want the Dorset Community to do is to support the volunteers who are willing to stay but also to support and rally behind any new people who may come forward," said Algonquin Highland Reeve Eleanor Harrison. She confirmed that there have been enquiries from people who are interested in taking the training required to become volunteer firefighters in Dorset.

"I think what the Dorset people are struggling with is the long-standing volunteers who have left," Harrison said. "Dorset is a community that is nervous right now about what kind of coverage they have, and understandably so."



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Museum employee recipient of award of excellence

By Mark Arike

Adele Espina's commitment to preserving local history and recovering lost pieces from the past has paid off in a big way – in the form of an award of excellence from the Ontario Museum Association (OMA).

"I was quite surprised," said Espina, who was notified of her achievement at the end of September.

The award, one of six given out by the OMA this year, honoured Espina for curating "For King and Country: Soldiers of the Haliburton Highlands" – a past exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery that memorialized nearly 500 men and women from Haliburton County who had served in World War I.

As someone who believes in learning about the past to understand the present, Espina pursued work that related to her passion a few years after moving to the county in the mid 90s.

"I've always been fascinated by the people who came before. I think that who we all are today is really what's come out of the soup pot of our ancestors," said Espina, who learned that three generations of her own family lived in Kinmount.

A Calgary native, Espina was raised in Toronto and "grew up in the air force." She left the city in the mid 90s after working in the brewery and restaurant business, and raising a family.

In 2007 she saw a newspaper ad that caught her eye, and without hesitation, acted. I was familiar with the [Minden Hills] Cultural Centre, and decided to apply," Espina said of the part-time collections assistant position at the museum. "I've always loved local history, love genealogy..." she said.

The notion of recognizing the men and women of Haliburton County who fought in the First World War began formulating in Espina's head after a young lady posed a question.

"She asked me if the names on the cairn downtown represented those who fought in the war or were they just those who died in the war," she explained.

"I realized then that, not only were we losing our history, but that there was a lot of history that wasn't even apparent to some of our citizens."

With donations of artifacts from the Stanhope museum, Haliburton museum, Minden Legion, Haliburton Echo/Minden Times, and residents in the county, Espina had enough enlistment papers and photos to fill the Agnes Jamieson Gallery from floor to ceiling.

The exhibit, which ran in November of last year, wasn't intended to paint the war as good or bad; rather, it was designed to show how a community came together when called upon.

"Everyone has different opinions about war... what I was trying



Adele Espina receives her award of excellence for curating "For King and Country: Soldiers of the Haliburton Highlands", presented by the Minister of Tourism and Culture Michael Chan, right.

to show [the community] was a moment in time when people had come together, when asked, and contributed to what they thought at the time was to the safety and security of our country and to assist other people in the world. As to what people took away from the exhibit, that was up to them," Espina said.

Though made possible through her efforts, Espina was unable to assist with the set-up of the exhibit and attend due to a battle with breast cancer.

"I heard the response was positive, but I'm really sorry I missed being there ... just to be able to talk to people would have been nice," she said, adding that she now has a clean bill of health.

Once the exhibit ended, she just assumed "that was that". Little did she know that Carol Simmons, curator of the Minden Hills Museum at the time, was working on an application that would ultimately win her the prestigious award.

"I was totally unaware that she had done that," Espina laughed. "She submitted an excellent application with letters of support, newspaper clippings... and I won."

In a statement on the OMA's web site, Simmons is quoted as saying: "What made Adele's work exceptional is that she researched the heart-breaking stories of these young men and put the awful loss into a meaningful context for a story that had never been told in this community."

The award of excellence, which Espina picked up at the OMA's annual conference in Toronto at the Delta Chelsea hotel on Oct. 7, put her in a room with some innovative thinkers from all across the heritage sector.

"There are some great people from all over the province doing some inventive work," she said, explaining how one of the lifetime awards recipients turned his personal clock collection into a museum.

Of the six awards presented, two went to individuals for lifetime achievement; three went to organizations for their work; and only one was for curating (Espina's award).

According to their web site, the OMA is an organization that "fosters and promotes" the museum community.

As for why those in Haliburton County should care about local history, Espina believes that it's important to recognize how this land came to be.

"I think it's so important to show people what a wonderful community this is, and the hard work of the people who built this community," she said.

In addition to being the collections assistant, Espina has been the museums and technology coordinator for the Cultural Centre since May. She also volunteers for Places for People, Arts Alive Minden and the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group. □

Arts Exposed supports the Arts

Once again this Saturday, October 23, the arts will be getting a big boost as Arts Exposed ... A Cultural Affair unfolds at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

This annual event always attracts a full house. Over a hundred pieces of art, donated by some of the most outstanding artists in the county, will be going on the auction block.

"Once again the artists of our community have been very generous in providing items for us to sell," Chair of the sponsoring group, Arts Alive Minden, Michael Fay stated.

"We have paintings, sculptures, tickets to events and experiences. There is pottery blown glass photography and much more."

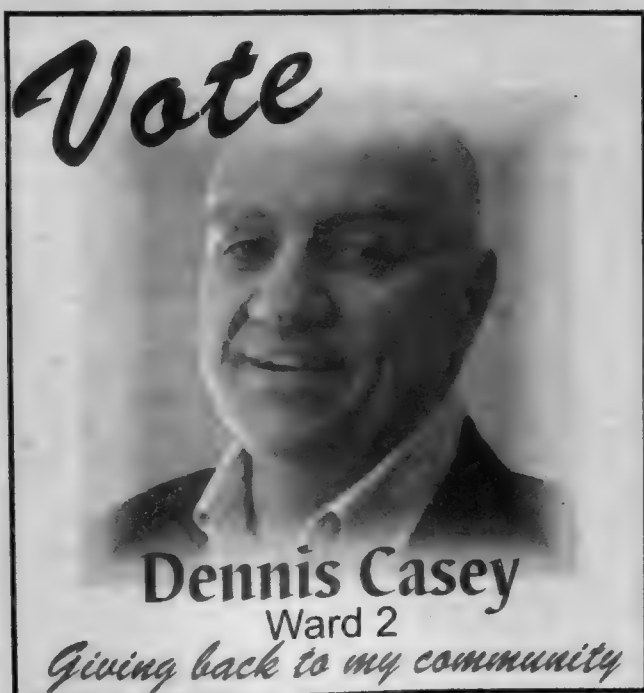
The items are sold in a number of auctions, including a large selection on the silent auction tables. But bidders can also pick up a bargain

during the twoonie and Loonie auctions, where they could win a piece of artwork for as little as a one dollar investment.

The live auction is the highlight of the evening always featuring some outstanding pieces of art.

The evening includes a gourmet dinner catered by the Grill on the Gull. Also during the evening Arts Alive Minden will announce the Arts Alive Award, presented to a deserving individual in recognition of his or her contribution to the arts in the community.

Tickets for the event are \$40. They are available by calling the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at 705-286-3763. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the meal being served at 7 p.m.



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Gelert meeting discusses use of halls

By Liz Danielsen

Locals from Gelert, Lochlin and Irondale came together recently to work on a strategy to save their community halls. With an ever-growing decline in use, and the deadline to make the buildings accessible looming, these small neighbourhoods in Minden Hills may lose their local meeting places. The buildings' futures are now dependent on the results of investigations conducted by municipal staff and subsequent reports to council.

Terry Carr is determined to see a revival of the community halls and to protect her community's heritage. Standing in front of more than 40 people in the Gelert hall on Thursday night, Carr said, "Every community needs a gathering place. If we lose them, we lose our sense of community."

According to Carr, each of the three halls pay for their operational costs and minor maintenance, but the halls now come under the township's insurance umbrella, and issues of liability and the cost of making the facilities meet legislated accessibility requirements have to be factored in. Fundraising efforts by each of the associations established to run the halls continue with spaghetti dinners, strawberry suppers and ball tournaments.

"We all have bank accounts and are paying our way, but we need to bump up interest in using the halls. We need to have a plan to increase the number of volunteers and we need younger families to gain a vested interest in the area," Carr said.

Carr talked about how lifestyles have changed over the years and about how area families used to gather in their community halls. "Since amalgamation we've kind of been on notice about the future of the halls," she said.

"The Council has always advised us of the problems and costs involved in keeping old buildings open, and meeting new regulations for potable water and accessibility make it even tougher. But this is more than just dollars and cents. This is all about our memories."

Some of the older residents reminisced about going there to school, or said that their parents had gone there to school. Most of them remembered going to Sunday School in the building, and reminisced about the Christmas and Halloween parties, weddings, christenings and funerals.

Some also voiced concerns about funds being allocated to bridges, the Riverwalk and other investments in Minden, while little emphasis was placed on the outlying communities.

Carr referred to a report about the halls being prepared by Rick Cox, the municipality's Director of Community Services, and said there was some urgency in offering up a plan that would help to protect the halls which she hoped could be submitted to council at the same time.

Carr suggested that property values would improve and people would be more apt to come to the area if they could see an active social life taking place in the area.

George Simmons spoke about the efforts in the past in Monmouth to protect and preserve their heritage and emphasized how important it was to put on a united front. He grumbled that three quarters of the Minden Hills Council had never even been to the Irondale hall.

A concern was voiced that the halls were not listed as available for rent on the municipality's website which would be a simple step to promote the buildings. A fear was also voiced that if the hall was closed, one day there would be nothing to indicate that there had been a real community in Gelert. Several people commented that they had asked the municipality for assistance when it came to the halls with little response.

Pamela Marsales spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Rail Trail. "History is one of our key areas of focus. All three hamlets were once railway communities and in many cases rail trails have initiated the revitalization of such settlements."

As people talked, a variety of ideas were brought forward that could improve use and raise the profile of the buildings, including, fitness classes for people of all ages, children's entertainment and magic shows, hosting events for cycling, hiking and field naturalists, art exhibitions, reading programs, talent shows, farmers markets, fairs and horseshoe tournaments and encouraging area lake associations to utilize the buildings for their meetings and events.

Simmons suggested that a delegation speak with Council about their concerns. Carr agreed that as many voices as possible were necessary.

"They need to know that there are real bodies here with a vested interest. We need a two pronged approach. We need them to buy in, but we need to be involved ourselves, make the halls active and looking like they have a future. We have to take a multi-disciplinary approach."

Carr committed to completing her draft presentation to Council. In her draft document, she wrote that the three neighbourhoods represent a fifth of Minden Hills township and serve many of its residents, further emphasizing the need to keep the buildings open and available for use. □



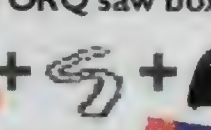
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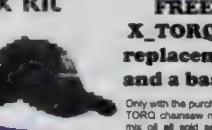


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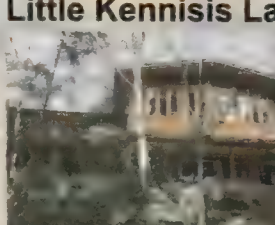
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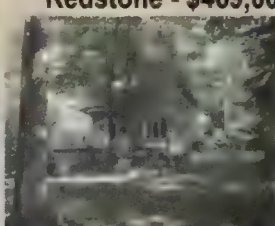
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A sculpture named 'Gelert'

By Laura Redman

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest will soon be home to a bronze Wolfhound named Gelert.

Many residents and visitors to Haliburton may have driven the Gelert Road in the past, wondering, 'Who was this 'Gelert' anyway? Never fear. The internationally renowned story of the Wolfhound named 'Gelert' or 'Cylart' to use his proper Welsh name, will be honoured and immortalized next year at the Sculpture Forest, thanks to internationally renowned and Haliburton-based Mary Anne Barkhouse and local arts patron, Diana Ferguson.

At a press conference at the Haliburton School of the Arts last Thursday, Jim Blake, curator of the Forest, said that he and the chair of the sculpture committee, Barb Bolin, had approached Ferguson about the idea of a memorial sculpture - in memory of her husband, former Dysart et al Councillor Alan Ferguson - some time ago.

"After Al died a few years ago, we thought this might be something Diana would be interested in because Al was so passionate about the arts," Blake said. "So we had a lovely lunch with Diana and talked about the idea and I think the answer was 'Yes', or 'What a great idea', or 'Pass the salt', I'm not sure," Blake joked.

"But then we showed Diana a number of artists and Diana fell in love with Mary Anne Barkhouse's work."

Ferguson said she was thrilled with the idea, saying Alan had loved supporting the arts community, and mentioning their own extensive art collection.

"Alan knew I didn't do cemeteries, so a sculpture is perfect, I'll go and visit that," Ferguson said. After the meeting with Blake and Bolin, Ferguson then met with Barkhouse.

"She has this somewhat whimsical characteristic to her work, so it was perfect. I actually liked her first idea, which was to be a seal. She thought it would be wonderful to turn a corner and see a seal basking in the middle of Haliburton Forest, but the idea of doing a dog was, of course, so appropriate."

Ferguson said she had immediately thought of the two dogs that had shared her life with Alan - County (aka the Countess of Haliburton) and the more famous Barney, (aka the Baron of Haliburton) - the dog that appeared in Alan's election posters and that Alan labelled his campaign manager.

"So, I was thinking Golden Retriever, but Mary Anne got onto something else, and I had to back off at that point, because you can't dictate what an artist is going to do," Ferguson said. "Mary Anne came up with her own theme, which incorporates all of Haliburton and a little history and her own sense of whimsy."

Barkhouse expanded on that, calling the theme a blend of a several ideas.

"It's to do with our relationship to dogs and our relationship to land and to tell a larger story - but also to offer a deeper understanding of who we are, where we come from and why we're here. So trying to put all of that into one sculpture is kind of difficult, but I thought I'd use the story of Gelert as a jumping off point."

Barkhouse describes the story of 'Gelert' - an 800-year-old tale from Wales - as a "cautionary tale that goes back through

centuries and teaches people about the importance of not acting rashly.

Blake, a professional storyteller, retold the story of Gelert at the press conference, starting by saying he'd always thought Gelert a funny name, until he was traveling in Wales.

"I saw it on the map Beddgelert... and I started reading the story of where the name came from. Gelert was an Irish Wolfhound and he was the faithful dog of Prince Llewelyn - the last Prince of Wales," Blake said.

The story goes that one day Gelert the Wolfhound was left to watch over the prince's infant son, but when the prince returned, the crib was empty and the dog had blood dripping from its jaws. Blake continued the story. "Llewelyn said, 'How could you betray me, you, my faithful dog?' And he pulled out his sword and he killed Gelert on the spot. But just as he did that he heard the baby cry, and he went into the next room and there was the baby in the corner and a wolf that Gelert had killed lying beside the baby," Blake said. The legend says that Llewelyn never smiled again and he buried Gelert near the hunting lodge, and put a cairn over his grave.

Barkhouse said the story has been following her around for a while - she came upon a reference to a Wolfhound named Gelert while in New Mexico last year.

"One of the reasons I chose the Gelert story and the Irish Wolfhound in particular is because the Irish Wolfhound is such an ancient breed, and to me, is the iconic dog that speaks of how long people and dogs have coexisted together and worked together on different things.

"But I also wanted to take that sensibility that I have about my own dogs and put it into this idea of 'dog'," Barkhouse said.

Blake said that while the story originates in Wales, the theme of the story shows up in many cultures.

"Mary Anne has done an enormous amount of research on this - the whole relationship between humans and their animals and the animals' protectiveness - it shows up in cultures all over the world," Blake said. "And in the British Isles, wolves were wiped out, so folks had no use for the Irish Wolfhound anymore, so the Irish Wolfhound almost vanished as well, so this whole relationship between us and animals and the wild... it's really a great story."

Bolin said this addition to the Forest makes three sculptures that have been donated as memorial pieces.

"It's an incredible way to remember someone and to provide enjoyment to people who come to the Forest from all over the world," Bolin said. "I want to thank Diana for being here today and for making this day possible."

Blake echoed her sentiments.

"Diana has made an incredible donation towards the Sculpture Forest - what is probably our most significant sculpture - and this is going to be an international story," Blake said. "The sculpture will have the great unveiling in June when the weather is going to be fabulous - and of course, when it's done - and when the black flies are gone."

The Gelert sculpture also received funding from the Trillium Foundation and the Haliburton County Development



Former Dysart et al councillor, Alan Ferguson, with his dog Barney - the dog he called his campaign manager. Ferguson's widow, Diana, has commissioned Mary Anne Barkhouse to create a sculpture in his memory that will be added to the Sculpture Forest next June.

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Barkhouse said the creation of Gelert has been challenging.

"Of course they are the largest breed of dog, and it is the size of an average Wolfhound, so it is the largest single bronze sculpture I've done to date," Barkhouse said. "Technically, it's also been really demanding, because I'm trying to fit this sculpture precisely to this stone that is already in the Sculpture Forest without disturbing the stone... that's very important, the cycle of nature and how things progress, so it's important that the rock was there, that this dog will be there and that the story of all of us is in it."

Originally from BC, Barkhouse, is a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art. Her work appears across the country in public collections, including the National Gallery of Canada, Mendel Art Gallery and the Banff Centre of the Arts. Barkhouse spoke more extensively to the Gelert bronze in a press kit.

"Not only would it acknowledge the long association between man and dog, speaking of dedication and loyalty, but additionally it would, through the aspect of the figure of the hound, be a sentinel within the forest... watchful, companionable and protective - advocating careful consideration and rational thought."

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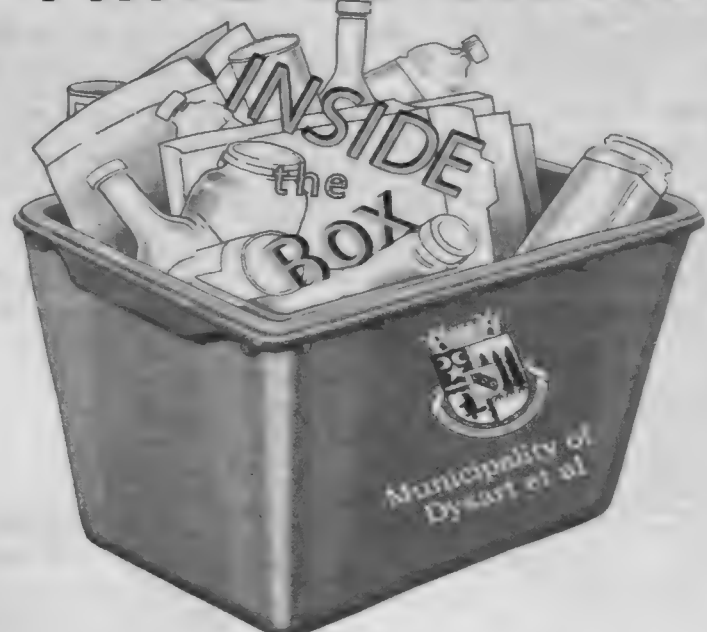
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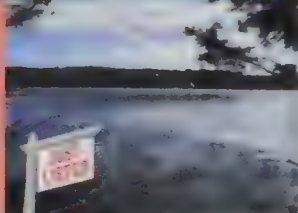
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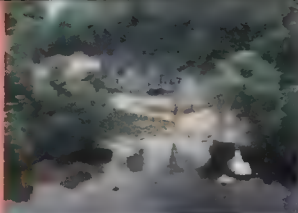
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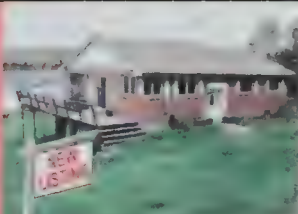
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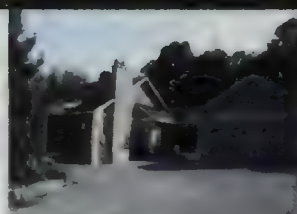
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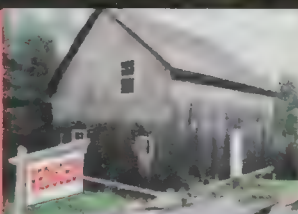
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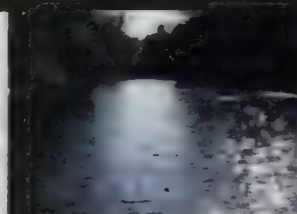
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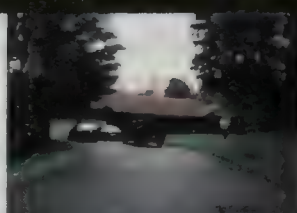
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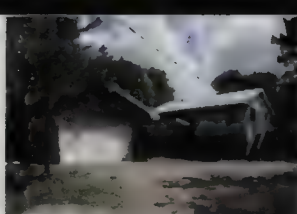
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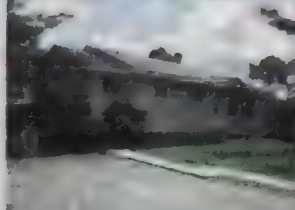
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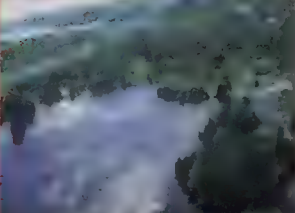
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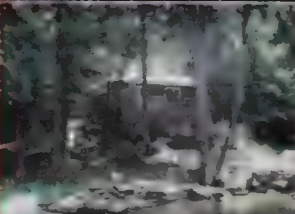
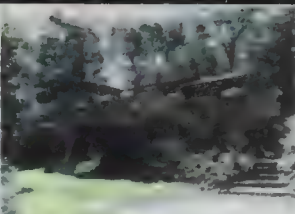
These two lots are close to Eagle Lake and Sir Sam's Resort area. The first lot has 3.95 acres at \$31,000, and the second lot has 2.1 acres at \$25,000. Both of these lots are in an area of newer homes, close to skiing, restaurants and the public beach. Enjoy country living!

**Peter* Brady**
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ext. 234**Dreaming of your Own Lake - \$879,000**

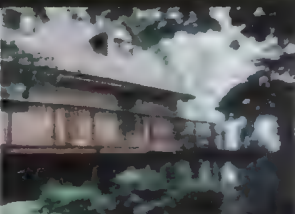
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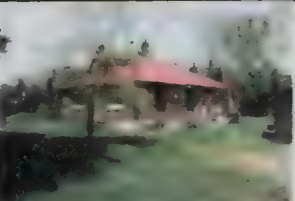
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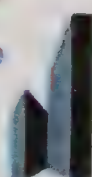
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Algonquin Highlands approves official plan

By Jerry Grozelle

Official plan approved

Chantal Hamilton shared some information she gathered from Kawagama Lake property owners regarding the wet slip boathouse issue with Algonquin Highlands council at the October 14 meeting. Council had considered an amendment to the township's Official Plan prohibiting the construction of new wet slip boathouses within the municipality. A study had been done indicating that the majority of lakeshore property owners on the lake would support such a prohibition.

However, Hamilton conducted a study of her own. She found that the majority of the people who responded to her email survey were not even aware that council was considering the issue and 70 per cent were opposed to the prohibition. She acknowledged that the municipality had done the best it could to get the message out regarding the Official Plan review, but she, and most of the people she surveyed were lacking the information.

She apologized for the late presentation of her statistics but said, "I really think it needs

to be taken into consideration in the interest of fairness. When I found out about the proposed changes to the legislation, I immediately reached out to the president of the Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association, two marinas on Kawagama Lake and a couple of other members of the KLCA to find out if it was, in fact, true, because I had heard nothing about it." Hamilton said that she learned of an email survey that had been sent out to members of the KLCA in January - she did not receive that survey. Of the 95 emails she sent out, she got a 56 per cent response, which was 11 per cent higher than the 45 per cent response the KLCA. Only 14 per cent of the respondents to Hamilton's email supported prohibiting wet slip boat houses.

"I wasn't expecting to get the response that I did and I certainly didn't expect to get such an overwhelming majority of people against the amendment, which is why I felt it was important to come forward to council today," she said. "Based on the statistics, I think the issue needs to be revisited."

Councillor Don Shortreed said he had been contacted by several contractors who were very concerned about the proposed amendment. He said they were concerned that it would hurt their businesses. Clerk Angie Bird said that statistics show

there have been very few such boat houses built on the lake over the past several years, however, enquiries for three have been received in recent weeks.

"We should be looking at the environment of the lake, not whether contractors are losing business," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who made it clear she is opposed to the construction of wet slip boat houses anywhere in the township. "I don't think that's what the official plan should deal with. I think it should deal with environmental issues and protecting the lake and also protecting the view of other surrounding properties, which wet slip boat houses can obstruct."

Shortreed said the way he reads the proposed amendment, it would prohibit all structures that encroach past the high water mark into the lake. "People will be forced to dry land boat houses and in a lot of cases, that's not going to be possible," he said.

Hamilton said that the majority of respondents to her survey didn't want to have the option taken away. They felt there were enough restrictions already to prevent the building of a boat house that would obstruct the view of neighbouring property owners and to protect the shoreline from over development.

A previous deputation to council by Kawagama Lake Cottagers had expressed support for the amendment.

After discussing the situation, the majority of council decided to delete the amendment, leaving the option available to property owners to build wet slip boat houses. Harrison had noted that both the county and the Township of Dysart et al, amended their official plans to prohibit wet slip boat houses and that the county prefers neighbouring municipalities to adopt similar policies. Dysart shares its boundary on part of Kawagama Lake with Algonquin Highlands.

Greg Corbett of Planscape, outlined the process of consultation and review of the township's official plan over the past eight months. He said several public meetings were held at the Algonquin Highlands council chambers and in Dorset, giving opportunity for public input. He said the township went beyond what is required regarding public consultation.

Corbett followed up on a couple of questions that were asked at the last public meeting, one of which was about provincially significant wetlands. He noted that the Ministry of Natural Resources has no wetlands of that designation within the boundaries of Algonquin Highlands.

Wording of a section dealing with water access points was questioned by councillor Diane Griffin. The wording "will establish access points" was changed to "may establish access points" to clarify Griffin's concern that lakefront developers might interpret it to mean the township would be responsible for costs related to providing lake access points.

The new official plan was passed with a few changes to reflect the decisions made at the October 14 council meeting.

New CBO appointed

Algonquin Highlands has a new Chief Building Official. Mitchell O'Grady has completed all the requirements for the position and has been promoted. He has been acting CBO since the former CBO left.

Additional meetings

Council will convene at least two meetings in November to deal with the business of the municipality. Reeve Eleanor Harrison noted that there is too much to cover in one meeting and there may have to be more than two in November to do what has to be done before the new council is sworn in, in late December. The next regular meeting of council is scheduled for Thursday, November 4.

Website development

Council accepted the proposal submitted by Whatever Solutions and Media of Peterborough for the development of the township's new website at a cost of \$10,000 plus HST. The proposal was one of three submitted and reviewed by a sub-committee of council. The review sub-committee recommended Whatever Solutions and Media on the basis of a number of criteria, including cost, understanding of project needs, technical and artistic ability, among others.

Backhoe replacement

A 2006 model backhoe that has been a constant source of repair bills will be replaced at a cost of \$21,123.70. The problem machine, which had recently been repaired was traded in for a new 2011 model and during the negotiations Public Works Manager Brian Whetstone was able to get the supplying company to write off the \$7,000 repair bill. The net cost of the new backhoe is unbudgeted, but the cost will be covered by the equipment reserve.

Airport supporter's letter

A letter from Keith Beard that berated Algonquin Highlands council for not standing up to pressure from those who oppose the expansion of the airport and for bowing to what he suggests were biased media reports that reported only one side of the story, met with mixed reactions from council members. Councillor Carol Moffatt said Beard's comments were "unfair, very trite and insulting."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she had tried to get the message out that it would be beneficial to the township in terms of economic development and to help to keep some young people in the area who would otherwise have to leave to find employment. "I think what he is saying is that the nay-sayers' voices have been very strong and have taken over the headlines and taken over the papers to a large extent. We tried to get our side of the story out," Harrison said.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said he agreed with much of what Beard said. Gardner said when the public picked up the papers, they saw "long-winded diatribes that were not based on facts," and "I thought it was a fairly well written letter and I can understand his point of view."

Moffatt said that she repeatedly suggested that council needed to respond to negative criticism because a public relations problem was being created and she said she was told the township doesn't fight its battles in the newspapers.



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Highlands East to ask MNR to review CVCA mandate

By Liz Danielsen

MNR asked to review mandate of conservation authority

In response to concerns being raised over the past year in Highlands East about the cost and time it takes to receive building permits and a request for support from neighbouring Faraday Township, the Highlands East Council has asked the Ministry of Natural Resources to review the mandate of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA).

During the summer, Faraday Reeve Carl Tinney, met with the Minister of Natural Resources, Linda Jeffrey, to express concerns about the mandate and structure of the conservation authorities in Ontario and in September. His council then passed a resolution asking Jeffrey to consider the required level of planning for the CVCA, as well as the apparent duplication of fees between the authority and the municipality. The resolution also asked her to consider streamlining services, a strategy for the reduction of fees and a mechanism within which the conservation authorities and municipalities could work together to provide better service to residents.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge, who also sits as the chair of the CVCA, said, "We have to be careful with this. The authority operates under provincial regulations with the hydrology and biology of the watershed in mind. If the municipality is to take on these responsibilities we would have to have specially trained staff which would add to the financial burden."

Partridge agreed that the province could provide better service to the residents and suggested that all of the reeves in the affected area discuss mutual areas of concern. Partridge added that concerns had been raised about the approval process creating delays in development. Councillor Gary Stoughton said his greatest concern was the cost.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie commented that there have been all kinds of delays, and the prob-

lem had been going on for some time. Partridge said that the CVCA had taken much longer to enforce provincial regulations than other authorities in Ontario, and urged more dialogue among the municipalities.

Mackie gave several examples in which it had taken months and up to a year to get a permit. When considering whether or not to ask for ministry involvement in support of Faraday's resolution, Partridge asked for a recorded vote. Reeve Dave Burton, Mackie and Stoughton voted in favour of taking action with Partridge and Councillor Donna Graham voted against the motion.

Council approves recommendations for Horseshoe Days

Despite best efforts by a hard working committee, Horseshoe Days was a losing proposition this year, and became the topic of a closed session before the regular meeting got underway last week.

With a combination of reduced attendance, new events underperforming, conflicting activities during the weekend and having to call in the OPP to deal with some unruly campers, council had some tough decisions to make about how to move forward with the event.

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig reported that she had received the financial statements, which showed an overall loss of \$14,367. Stoughton-Craig said that it might have been better to keep estimated revenues at the lower end of the spectrum and estimated costs at a peak to cover any unforeseen circumstances.

Stoughton-Craig said that revenues estimated for the rides may have been too high and noted that in the past only a percentage of profits had been paid for rides to make sure finances were kept on track. She also said that if the cost of the rides and pig races were removed from the budget, the loss would have been fairly minimal.

Stoughton-Craig made a number of recommendations to ensure the continued success of the event: that the Horseshoe Days Committee be formally appointed by council; that proper

minutes be prepared from each meeting; that a council liaison be involved in the process and responsible for the presentation of a budget well before approval was required by council; and that the budget be reviewed by the treasurer prior to council approval. The CAO said she had spoken with the auditor about the matter. "In the end this is a council responsibility," she said.

Stoughton-Craig then advised council that the former committee had a reserve fund of over \$9,774 which would be applied to offset the majority of the loss.

"The reality is that this type of event brings people into the area, but caution must prevail. There are only so many people to support the event, and there are a lot of other events at the same time."

Council agreed that the Horseshoe Days volunteers had done a lot of good work, but agreed with Stoughton-Craig's recommendations for next year. Reeve Dave Burton said after the meeting that a portion of any profits from future Horseshoe Days would be used to pay off the loss.

Take-out business approved for Gooderham

An application to develop a portable food take-out business on the main street in Gooderham has received approval for temporary rezoning for a three-year period.

The application, submitted by Maryanne Leach and her son Shane, will allow a modified air stream trailer to be set up on Leach's property to be used for a take-out food enterprise. During the last council meeting concerns were raised by the

public about traffic, parking and the fact that waste from the restaurant could attract wild animals. Shane reassured council that he had taken precautions to ensure a clean operation that would not attract animals, and explained the provisions he had made for parking.

In his report to council, Chris Jones of Meridian Planning, recommended approval of a temporary rezoning for a three year period, pending receipt of a site plan and approval of a commercial entrance permit from the county and the council concurred.

The cost of policing

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig voiced a concern that has been heard often along Highway 118 - that there are far too many speeders on the road.

Stoughton-Craig reported that she had mentioned her concern to the OPP, who advised that if the municipality supported more radar patrols, they would request an additional radar gun. This didn't sit too well with Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie, who said, "So will this mean another \$150,000 for policing this year?"

Mackie said that there are often radar patrols along the stretch of highway between Tory Hill and Cardiff. Councillor Suzanne Partridge said, "There's no point in having them (the OPP) if you can't ask for their support."

After a brief discussion, the council passed a resolution requesting and supporting the purchase of additional radar equipment to monitor speeding in the area.

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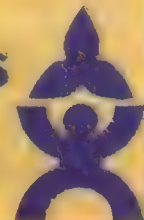
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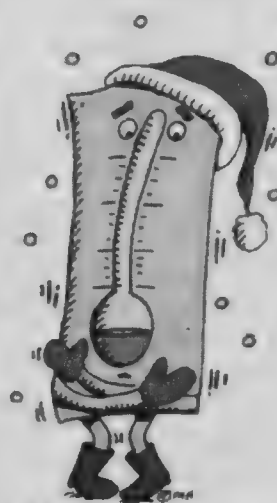
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Mega Bowl

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Photo by Mark Arike

Video will feature three local creative businesses

(from page 7)

The videos, to be produced by Highlands Media Arts, will be placed on the HCDC web site, YouTube and highlighted by the County of Haliburton.

The three featured businesses are: Artech Studios, denSign and C.P. Boyd and Associates.

"These businesses were all doing different things, and they all had quite different stories," Blake said.

A release date for the films has not yet been set; however, production will take place this fall.

So what makes Haliburton County an attractive place for the creative minds? Blake and Hodgson point out that the area has many assets, perhaps the two largest being the natural surroundings and lifestyle choices one can choose from.

"People in the creative economy can basically choose to live wherever they want to. Because they're mainly working with knowledge, it doesn't matter where they live," Blake said.

The expansion of high speed internet services and on-line social networking sites are also helping to make that possible, agree Blake and Hodgson. "We [Haliburton County] have a lot to offer, and we're expanding as a community and

we're adding the things that people like," Hodgson said, mentioning attractions like the college, local theatres and restaurant establishments as some of the area's big selling points.

Other ways that the committee has worked to raise the profile of the county's creative economy include increased communications with local property owners' associations, working on marketing initiatives with the Ontario East Economic Development Commission, and hosting a youth focus group to determine the needs and wants of those who have left the area.

In addition to attracting more businesses to the county, the goal is to also benefit those that are already here.

"We're trying to push and help all of our existing businesses too ... so this isn't an either/or thing. We're all in it together, we're all expanding and we're putting a fair bit of effort into it," Hodgson said.

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JDH advances to county tournament

Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, Minden and Haliburton competed in the Trillium Lakelands DSB boys elementary school zone soccer tournament on Tuesday at ASES in Minden. Fenelon Falls went undefeated while JDH won 2 of 3 games. Both teams will advance to the county tournament next week at Scott Young Public School.

Photo by Lyn Winans

Senior Hawks bypass the bye with exhibition contest

By Terrance Gavan

When you're on a roll, it's wise not to mess with the chemistry.

And so the senior Red Hawks football team - already 4-0 on the season - went looking for and eventually found a team to play last Friday.

The regular season schedule called for a game versus St. Mary's, but their senior program fell into the dumper after the first game of the season.

Enter Adam Scott High, invited last Friday to participate in a friendly exhibition game.

Or at least as friendly as it gets on the gridiron.

The Lions ended up winning the game 14-7 at Gary Brohman Field.

Hawk coaches Derek Little and Tim Davies set up the exhibition with the caveat that they would play Scott straight up in the first half, but pull some starters in the final 24 minutes.

Both coaching staffs were aware that the first place Hawks would be using the final half to allow some of their second team players to get some much deserved and valuable playing time.

Both teams played hard, but the coaching staffs on both sidelines were also aware that this was a "friendly" and it was a game played in the best tradition of fairness and good conduct.

The first half ended in a 7-7 tie, and the Hawks went with backup quarterback Damon Flatman and running back Greg Baumgartner - in place of starting pivot Scot Griffith and stellar tail back Tyler Wood - for the duration of the last half.

Griffith connected on a beautifully crafted touchdown pass to wide-out Luke Watson in the second quarter. Jesse Lefebvre connected on the convert to tie the score at seven.

Adam Scott scored earlier in the first quarter on a quick hitting off tackle running play.

All the scoring in that first half was done with the wind - a foul, cold, gusting and disgusting rumbler, blowing in from the vicinity of Siberia - or Head Lake.

The wind would play a big factor in the second half as well.

Adam Scott scored with the wind just five minutes into the third quarter and from that point onward both defenses dominated the discussion.

Flatman struggled in the third, but the Hawks did start to rally during the fourth quarter with the wind at their backs.

On the last play of the game Flatman aired out a bomb on a rope caught by Watson deep downfield.

Watson could not elude a phalanx of Lions' defenders who were playing zone prevent with twin safeties and three defensive backs and linebackers dropping back in the mix.

It was said Coach Little, just what the doctor ordered.

"The goal was to get our second string - both offense and defense - some reps and we did that," said Little. "Now we've got some players that can come in with more confidence if we happen to need them in the final two games and the playoffs."

He said that they also had an opportunity to videotape the game, which will give the coaching staff and the players a chance to review some of the offensive and defensive sets as the unbeaten Hawks prepare for the post season.

"With the post season picture in front of us, it's important that these guys start to see some things on video," said Little.

"Look we can talk till we're blue in the face but unless they see it it maybe doesn't mean as much to the players."

"We had a video session of last week's game (a 20-14 squeaker versus Holy Cross) and they were shocked at some of the stuff they saw on the field."

And Little said the video is there to keep the Hawks' heads firmly on square shoulders.

He says it's comportant for the team to realize that there is vast room for improvement.

"Because we're not, on video, a 3-0 or a 4-0 team," said Little. "There's still a lot of things we have to work on."

Little said that in terms of points for and against in the three league games - 101-14 - the team looks unstoppable.

But the Hawks did in fact stall against Holy Cross during the second half in their last league tilt and Little says that the defense is in fact controlling team fortunes so far.

"We're not adding anything new from here on in," said Little. "We're going to tweak and just try to get better as we're heading to the playoffs."

The Hawks are in Norwood today and at Thomas A Stewart next Tuesday (Oct 26).

Playoffs begin on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Sports Round up

Girls junior hoops squad rolling

By Terrance Gavan

Speed and desire.

Two commodities much esteemed on the hardwood.

Hal High's junior hoops squad is running, gunning and getting to balls that might have eluded them earlier this season. The process is working.

Last Tuesday the Hawks defeated visiting Lindsay Collegiate 26-21 with a hustling defense and the balanced bubbling backcourt attack. The win was the second in a twin win set, and that streak was marred somewhat by a 39-19 loss last Thursday at Fenelon Falls.

Coach Sharon Dibblee was ecstatic last Tuesday after that thrilling win over LCVI. It's the first win over Lindsay in a long, long time.

"We're shooting the ball better and our guards are playing really well," said Dibblee last Tuesday.

The potent guard tandem of twin firecrackers Casey Pringle and Kayla Gardiner filled lanes and hustled the ball down court providing Jessica Rider, Bailey Walker and Jaimie Dack with timely dishes.

Rider played her usually steady game and connected on a game high 7 points.

The Senior girls, still trying, still hustling and still learning, dropped both their games - to LCVI and Fenelon - last week.

Those losses on the heels of that marvelous victory over Gravenhurst the week before.

The exhibition was their first victory of the season and it was also one of the few times this season that the girls got to play a Double A squad.

Unfortunately all their league contests are against larger AAA schools.

Thursday's game in Fenelon was particularly close, and despite losing 27-20, the Hawks maintained poise and concentration, even in

the heat of the stretch. The play of post Jenna Dibblee continues to impress. Dibblee is a dominating presence in the paint, shows an uncanny knack for posting up, and she also knows how to go to the hoop when called. She plays remarkable defense, boxing aggressively on both boards.

Her dad Tom, talking in the stands last Tuesday at the Nest, said that she loves the game. And it shows.

Attendance at various summer camps over the past two summers solidified her solid presence in the paint. She shows remarkable poise with the ball and also deals the ball with alacrity.

She finished with eight points in Tuesday's loss to LCVI. Coach Brett Caputo reiterates that this is a squad cobbled together with the remarkable addition of several girls who are playing their first year of basketball.

And they are getting better with every contest. However, this is a very short season.

"We're still learning," smiled Caputo.

The seniors called Rider up to play in the Fenelon Falls game. They host I.E. Weldon from Lindsay today at the Hawk's Nest.

Footie Summary
The Senior Boys' soccer team played to a 2-2 draw with Brock Bulldogs last week. Brett Yake scored both goals. And on Tuesday (Oct 19) they lost their last game of the season at home and they will not be moving on in the playoffs.

The junior Hawks soccer team dominated Brock in Cannington last week, winning handily on goals by Tyler Nolan, Tanner Hamilton, Darcy Schmidt, Brad Wood, and Jake Harrison.

On Tuesday (Oct 19) the juniors lost their first game of the season to IE Weldon 3-2. But they will be moving on to the Kawartha zones next Thursday (Oct 28).

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Highlands Outdoors What is a trophy?

■ By: Jerry Grozelle

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Almost everybody who goes afield in pursuit of whitetails dreams of bagging a "Booner." But the reality is few ever achieve that goal. Bagging a buck in the top ten of any category, and there are many categories, is like lacing on a pair of skates as a Tyke and 15 years later being drafted by your favourite NHL team, a fantasy for most of us.

The enjoyment you derive from the deer hunt, or any hunt for that matter, depends on your attitude. I've known a couple of hunters who were very competitive and weren't happy unless they bagged the biggest or the most game among the group. They were generally obsessive and would go to great lengths to figure out which were the best runways and make it known they wanted to hunt that runway on opening day. They tended to offer advice about how to bag the biggest deer and the equipment they deemed essential to get the job done, including the ideal firearm and caliber. They had no qualms about intruding into another hunter's area. But most importantly, they were never invited to hunt at our camp after their initial year. It's not that they weren't safe. They just didn't fit in.

We have standards at our camp. Unlike B&C, P&Y or FROW, our standards apply to the hunters themselves, not the game. We are a group of people who get together at least couple of times a

year, the ones who live closer more often than that, to enjoy the hunt and each others' company. It's not a competition to see who gets the most or the biggest. We revel in each other's successes and share in the "almost" successes. We listen intently to the adventures our fellow camp members have to share at the end of the day. It may be an unexpected encounter with a bear or a bull moose that walked by within slingshot range during deer season. Often, it will be a story of one that got away unscathed because of its superior olfactory or auditory senses and knowledge of its own back yard that gave it the advantage. Sometimes it will be a detailed account of a deer that didn't get away, as evidenced by its presence on the camp's meat pole.

What's a trophy to you? Like beauty or success, it is a subjective thing. Does a buck have to have at least eight points and attain a certain score to be a trophy? Does it even have to be a buck to be a trophy? I don't think so. The memories I have after the hunt is over play a big role in trophy status for me. One of my most prized trophies is a buck that I managed to sneak up to within 25 yards of, because I believed there would be a buck in that location. It was a small bay off a very large meadow and I had taken a nice buck there three years before. When the buck jumped I had only a couple of seconds to make the shot. With only time for one shot before he would be out of sight, I picked an opening in the tag alders and made that one shot count. That wasn't the biggest buck I've taken, it wasn't even as big as the one I took at that loca-

tion three years earlier. But that eight point rack is a special trophy to me because of the circumstances that led to that success.

The two bucks that I took with my crossbow are also special to me, even though their racks wouldn't get a second look from most. It is how they were taken that makes them so memorable. The first was shot at nine yards and I'm surprised he couldn't hear my heart thumping. The second was at about 20 yards, and my hunting partner, who was in his ground blind about 35 yards away used a grunt call to coax the buck out to where I could get the shot.

The biggest buck I've seen up close and personal was taken by my late uncle Earl Bartley. It was huge and wore a spectacular rack. But the trophy for Uncle Earl was the venison that graced his dinner table and fed his family. He gave the head away because it really didn't mean anything to him.

I've known hunters who pursued deer for decades and never bagged a buck with more than a few points on his rack. I've also known hunters who consistently bagged bucks year after year that most would consider a once in a lifetime trophy.

My definition of trophy may be different from yours and although my biggest buck wouldn't even make the B&C minimum standard to be a "Book buck", that 12-pointer means as much to me as Milo Hansen's monster does to him. We never know for sure what the outcome will be when we take to the woods in search of whitetails. That's why it's called hunting.

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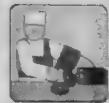
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Hockey round-up

Bantam Storm A team hosts Cody Hodgson tourney this weekend

The Bantam Storm A team split a pair of games on the weekend, dropping a close 6-4 decision to Port Carling on Saturday, and drubbing the Gravenhurst Flames 10-1 on Sunday.

This weekend, the team will host the Highland Storm Cody Hodgson Tournament: the Bantam A's play three games on Saturday, 10 a.m. versus Schomberg, 2 p.m. vs Port Hope, and at 6 p.m. vs Stayner, with all games in Haliburton. The Bantam semifinals go on Sunday in Minden at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. and the final at 2 p.m.

Atom team rolls over three more opponents

The Atom AE Storm started a three game stretch last weekend with a 7-1 victory over Port Carling in Minden last Thursday. Sean Walker netted a hat-trick, Ben Schmidt had two and singles were counted by Bo Stevenson and Matthew Manning. Assists were attributed to Trevor Turner with three, Noah Black with a pair, and Ryan Prentice, Bo Stevenson, Cullen Johnston, Jesse Sisson with one each.

On Saturday, the team shut out Gravenhurst 6-0 in Rama. Carson Sisson made some great saves to ensure the shut-out. Goals were tallied by Matthew Manning who had two, Trevor Turner, Alexander Petrie, Ben Schmidt and Noah Black. Assists went to: Noah Black, Jaxson Campbell, Trevor Turner, Shawn Walker and Ben Schmidt.

Sunday's game was a little more rough and tumble but the home side still beat a speedy Almaguin squad, 10-4 in Minden. Goals in this game were credited to Ben Schmidt who had five, Trevor Turner with two, Noah Black, Shawn Walker and Matthew Manning with one each. Assists were awarded to Shawn Walker, Ryan Prentice and Matthew Manning with three each, Ben Schmidt and Bo Stevenson with one.

Next game this Sunday at 1:30 in Haliburton as they take on Gravenhurst.

Novice team skates over Rama

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Novice team defeated the Gravenhurst Flames Novice team in Rama last week by a score of 10-1. Next game is again in Rama against Gravenhurst on Sat. Oct. 23 at 1 p.m.

Peewee team wins one, loses one

The Highland Storm Peewee team met up in Baysville with the Bracebridge Bears on October 15. Not a pretty game, there seemed to be a lot of scrambling around. Despite this, the team managed to pull off a win of 8-0, with another shutout for goalie, Parker Smolen. Goals went to Drew Vanlieshout (2), Ethan Cooper (2), Max MacNaull (2), Jake Bull, and Greg Crofts. Assists to Tim Burgess (2), Max MacNaull (2), Ethan Cooper (4), Greg Crofts (3) Josh Rowden, Reagan Casey and Drew Vanlieshout.

On October 17, the team played in Minden against the Almaguin Devils and they gave the boys a wake-up call with a score of 7-2. Both the Storm goals were scored in the third period, one by Mac Rider (unassisted) and the other by Alex Wilbee, assisted by Greg Crofts. Next home game is Saturday, Oct. 30 in Minden at 1 p.m.

Minden team blanks Ennismore

The Minden Car Quest Bantam C girls hockey team defeated the Ennismore Eagles by a score of 6-0. Connor Marsden had the shut out, Erin Little had two snipes and Kenndal Marsden, Maddie Billings, Sydney Feir and Nicole Black all having single tallies. The Bantam C girls are on the road this weekend playing Cold Creek Saturday night and Lindsay Sunday afternoon. The next home game is Oct. 24 against Ennismore in Minden at 6:30.



Haliburton High Red Hawk Varsity Field Hockey team beat North Hastings 4 - 0 last week.

Team exacts revenge

By Terrance gavan

Deep down, somewhere in the inner psyches, teams burdened with the sum of all hopes and promise, take every defeat as a personal affront. Welcome to Red Hawk Varsity field hockey – a solid front of friends who just don't like to lose. So when they lost to a talented North Hastings team in the final of the Sir Robert Borden tourney in Ottawa last month – in a shootout following a 0-0 regulation tie – it didn't sit well with the feisty contingent from Hal High.

The two teams met again last Thursday in a cold, bleak downpour on the Hawks' pitch, with their old coach – and new retiree – Paul Morissette behind the whistle. Hawks scored three first half goals and added another second half marker on the way to another shutout over the highly touted Huskies.

The 4-0 victory was a statement game, but also extended an unprecedented defensive streak.

The Hawks have run their string of regulation shutouts to 12 games – the loss to Hastings was decided in a shootout 2-1, after a 0-0 regulation finish – and their overall record is 11-1.

Perhaps more amazing is the 52-0 tally in goals for and against.

Caley Sisson says the convincing win over the Huskies last Thursday answered some questions and maybe cemented some notions in the minds of her very talented charges.

"North Hastings definitely played harder in the second half of our game, allowing only one goal," says Sisson. "Our team made adjustments, after the Ottawa tourney – to play a better offensive game against the North Hastings defensive system in preparation for this rematch. We will continue to prep to our next meeting, which is very likely to happen at COSSA."

Lindsey Pogue scored twice, while Grace Diezel and Jillian Mayhew added singles. Jessica Duchene and goalie Jenn Woolcott provided stalwart back end support as usual.

The Kawartha championships go in Peterborough on Oct 26, while the COSSA Finals are slated for Bancroft Friday, Oct 29. The OFSAA tourney will play out in Ingersoll on Nov. 4-6.

Earlier in the year, Caley Sisson just smiled when asked about ultimate goals for this very talented unit.

"We're on a mission," said Sisson.

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Rob Lewis fights wind, rain and gonzo greens at OFSAA tournament

By Terrance Gavan

Rob Lewis said last week that the greens would write the story. Lewis got it right.

The greens at the Barrie Golf Club, home to the OFSAA golf tournament last week (Oct 13-14), were fast and furious. They were bewildering for a large portion of the field.

Lewis finished tied for 64th in his first ever OFSAA tourney and he admits that the weather and the greens certainly played a role in his scores of 81 and 84 last week.

All the same, it's a respectable finish for the young Grade 10 student who was playing against a field largely comprised of third and fourth year players.

No picnic for any of the golfers involved.

Well except for two time winner Brandon Ng – now the back to back winner of the Ontario High School (OFSAA) golfing crown.

Ng, from Toronto's Upper Canada College, didn't seem to mind the rain, the wind nor the lightening quick greens.

Ng shot a three-over-par 75 on both days for a 150 aggregate in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship at the Twenty Valley Golf and Country Club.

Jonathan Kim-Moss, from Erindale Secondary in Mississauga, was runner-up with totals of 77 and 74 for 151.

Zachary Kempa from Assumption, was third with a 75 and 77 for 152.

Last week Lewis told the Voice that he would be treating this first OFSAA event as a warm up for what he expects to be another two rounds at the Ontario title.

His high school coach Paul Longo has every confidence in his young rising star.

A finish in the top half of the field is certainly respectable and Lewis said he's happy with the result.



Courtney Semach, 7, and Cameron Whitefield, 7, were very happy with their results at the first annual Kawartha Lakes karate tournament. Photo submitted by Sid MacKeigan

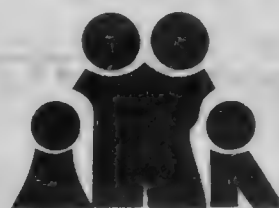
Karate club visits Lindsay

Minden Wado Kai Karate club students attended the first annual Kawartha Lakes Tournament and performed very well. For some that that attended, it was their very first tournament and the Sensei's onsite were very impressed with their results.

The students who attended were: Owen MacKeigan, Quintin Beaver, Jake Graham, Kurtis Adams, Carter Semach, Courtney Semach, Cassandra Johanness and Cameron Whitefield. Club Sensei Sid MacKeigan said he was "very proud" of his students for all of their hard work.

The Minden-based club meets at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Sid MacKeigan at 705-286-4259.

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Highland Storm Atoms won the championship of the Matt Duchene tournament last Sunday, and the Pewees lost in their semi-final.

Novice team off to good start to season

The Peppermill Novice Storm hockey team is off to an excellent start in the early stages of the 2010-2011 season. The team has a 3-win, one-loss record in their first four league games, and one win and a tie in exhibition play with Bancroft. The team lost their first game to Huntsville 6-1 but bounced back with three straight victories defeating Port Carling 5-3, Parry Sound 5-2 and Brace bridge 3-2. This year's squad features balanced scoring from forwards Mikki Bukta, Tyson Clements, Alex Little, Benn NacNaull, Zach Morissette and Paul Turner. The aggressive defense is anchored by James Alexander, Ethan Glecoff, Ryan Hall

and Issac Little. Backstopping the team between the pipes is the stellar goaltending provided by Nigel Smith. The coaching staff, consisting of Head coach Jason Morissette, Assistant coach Clay Glecoff, Trainers Rich Smith and Mike Morissette and Manager Paul Morissette, is confident that this group of young hockey players will continue to improve and provide excellent and exciting hockey as the season progresses. The team is on the road over the next few weeks and will play its' next two home games in Minden on Oct. 28 at 6:30 against Bracebridge, and on October 30 at 9 against Huntsville.

Football juniors struggle to find footing

By Terrance Gavan

Practices got more interesting for the junior Red Hawk Football team after another disappointing game last Friday.

Head coach Bruce Griffith wasn't smiling after a 27-0 loss to visiting St. Mary's Thunder last Friday afternoon (Oct 15) at Gary Brohman field.

"I told the boys in the huddle at the end, that next week, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday there's no more fun time at practice," smiled Griffith. "We have a lot of fun and we kid around a

bit, but I told the guys that we're going to be serious and we're going to win next Thursday."

Griffith said that St. Mary's came out ready to play.

"Nothing fancy, but they ran the ball really well against us," he added. "We just had a series of mistakes, turnovers and penalties."

Both senior and junior teams are on the road at Norwood District HS today (Oct 14). Hawks were on the receiving end of a big roughing penalty resulting in a first and goal from the Thunder's three yard line with just seconds left in the game.

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37 Engineering feat by George Goethals

40 Scent

41 Petty or Poston

42 Funnyman Philips

43 Cry of concern

46 Nightingale prop

49 Tune

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56 TV's "Family ____"

58 Folklore figure

59 Active types

60 '68 Bee Gees hit

62 Spanish shout

63 Sheltered, at sea

65 Tiers

67 Producer Prince

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69 Novel by George Orwell

73 Song by George Harrison

76 Lonely fish?

77 Max ____

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82 Gaggle gals

84 "The Creation" composer

86 Writer Runyon

90 Tongues of fire

92 Sign a check

94 Bronze feature

95 Paradise

96 Role for Liz

97 Wonderment

99 Eat in the evening

100 Rock's David Lee ____

102 Role played by George Clooney

108 Bayreuth's locale

111 Scandinavian seaport

112 Drench

113 West ender?

114 Swenson of "Benson"

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118 Kinshasa's country

122 Play by George Bernard Shaw

126 Comic strip by George Herriman

128 Wagner heroine

129 Designer Perry

130 Sundown, to Shelley

131 Splinter group

132 Heavy blows

133 "Sad ____" ('79 hit)

134 Wily

135 "I told you so!"

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11 "The Burning ____" ('84 film)

12 Research site

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27 "____ culpa"

31 Part of EMT

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106 Make fun of

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108 Reckless

109 Type of pear

110 Think alike

113 Send out

115 With skill

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123 Vintage

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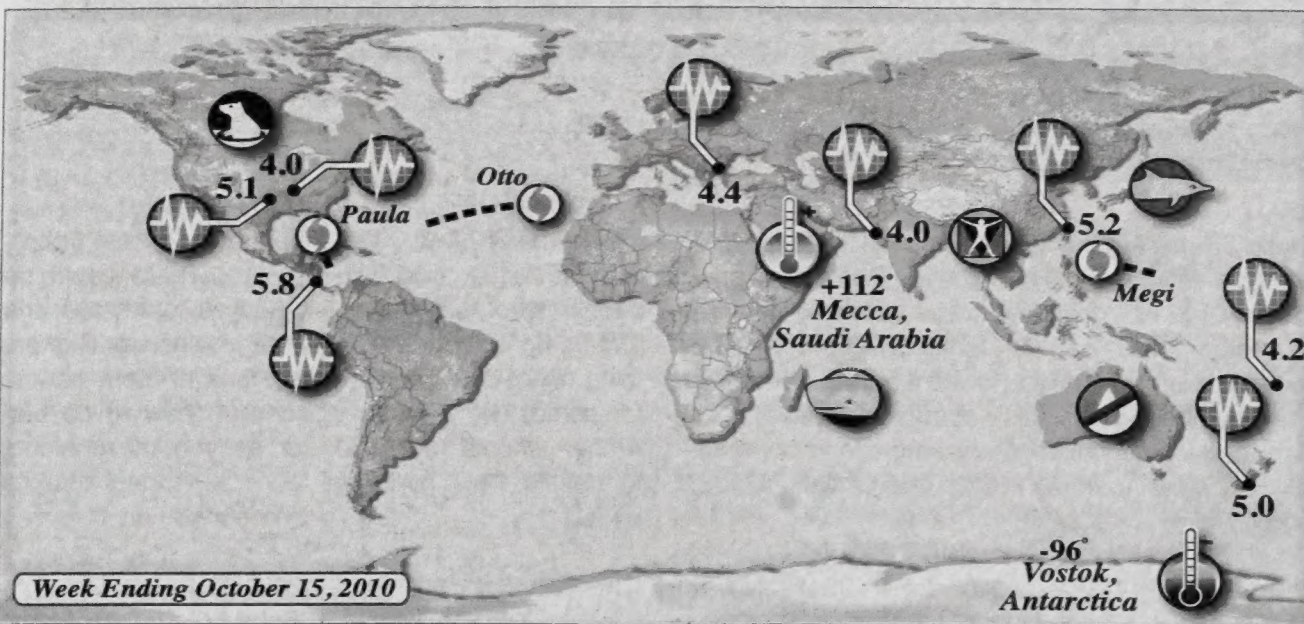
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By Steve Newman



A Drier World

Earth's water cycle may have reached its limit due to climate change, with large swaths of the planet apparently drying up over the past decade. Climate scientists have long predicted that the amount of moisture evaporating off land and released by plants would increase as Earth's overall climate warms. This "evapotranspiration" did indeed rise until 1998, but then the overall trend reversed. Writing in the journal *Nature*, researchers from Europe and the U.S. say that large parts of Australia, Africa and South America have since dried up. While the cause for the sudden drying is not entirely understood, its consequences could be severe. The subsequent loss of plants would allow more CO₂ to build in the atmosphere. And the loss of natural cooling produced by evaporation could cause more heating of the land in a "feedback loop" that could intensify global warming, the researchers caution.

A Cove Reprieve

The Japanese village made famous for its dolphin slaughter in the award-winning film "The Cove" has for the first time spared the lives of some of the youngest marine mammals recently caught, according to the conservation group Sea Shepherd. The group says international pressure may have prompted the change in practice. Activists staged protests at Japanese embassies around the world on Oct. 14 to express outrage over the continuing mass slaughter that is conducted by Taiji villagers each year between September and March. Sea Shepherd said that it also appears the hunters hadn't killed any distinctive bottlenose dolphins, the same species as "Flipper" from the 1960s TV show and that appears in shows at marine parks around the world.

Prairie Home Infestation

Canadian wildlife officials are applying insecticide to the grassland homes of prairie dogs to help boost their population by preventing an outbreak of a deadly disease carried by insects. Researchers say the population of the burrowing rodents is 50 to 70 percent lower than normal in Saskatchewan's Grasslands National Park, possibly due to drought and predators. But they fear that the sylvatic plague that often infects and kills the animals may also be to blame. Humans seldom contract this particular form of plague. Parks Canada says any widespread plague outbreak could cause a further decline in the black-tailed prairie dog population, and the insecticide should help kill fleas that spread the illness.

Dengue Alert

Dengue fever is spreading across Asia at an alarming rate, with the World Health Organization (WHO) warning that cases in India are at a 20-year high. WHO says that dengue is the most rapidly spreading mosquito-borne viral disease in the world, infecting between 50 and 100 million people annually. Efforts to genetically modify the *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes, which carry the virus, are currently underway in an effort to breed a dengue-free population.

Tropical Cyclones

Category-2 Hurricane Paula formed off the coast of Honduras then drenched parts of the Yucatan Peninsula before spreading heavy rain and high winds over western Cuba.

- Hurricane Otto passed harmlessly over the open waters of the Atlantic.
- Typhoon Megi was taking aim on the northern Philippines.

Earthquakes

The second-strongest earthquake on record to ever hit Oklahoma broke windows and sent residents around Norman and Oklahoma City fleeing buildings. Shaking was felt northward into Kansas and as far south as Dallas and Fort Worth.

• Two weeks of unrelenting tremors have wrecked many buildings in a western India village, where residents now live outdoors in fear of further shaking. Seismologists have not said why the scores of tremors have rocked Gujarat's Jalandhar village.

• Earth movements were also felt in New Zealand's Christchurch after-shock zone, northern Taiwan, Fiji, eastern Bulgaria, Costa Rica and northern Arkansas.

Long-Haul Leviathan

A humpback whale has broken the world record for travel by any mammal other than man as it swam more than 6,000 miles across two oceans. The female was first observed and photographed among a group of whales off southern Brazil in August 1999. Just over two years later, her distinctive markings led her to be identified off the coast of Madagascar. Humpbacks normally migrate back and forth between two general areas year after year to breed and feed. There are no known migration routes between the eastern coast of South America and the Indian Ocean island of Madagascar. Writing in the Royal Society's *Biology Letters*, marine researcher Peter Stevick says that it probably wasn't love that motivated the wayward leviathan. "It may be that this is an extreme example of exploration," he said. "Or it could be that the animal got very lost."

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TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20) Unexpected news might cause you to rethink a previous conclusion. Don't be bull-headed and try to bluff it out. Make the needed change, and then take a bow for your objectivity.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20) Money-matters should be considered as you continue to work out your holiday plans. This is a good time to scout out discounts before demand for them outstrips their availability.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22) A calm period early in the week helps you complete most, if not all, of your unfinished tasks. A new project appears by mid-week, and this one could carry some big career potential.

LEO

(July 23 to August 22) Positive results from recent ventures continue to pump up those self-esteem levels, making you Fabulous Felines feel you can tackle any challenge anyone wants to throw at you.

VIRGO

(August 23 to September 22) Family and friends might feel neglected because of your almost total focus on a project. Try to rework your schedule so you can have time for both your loved ones and your work.

LIBRA

(September 23 to October 22) Don't be surprised if you suddenly hear from someone from your past who wants to contact you about the possibility of renewing a long-dormant (if not dead) relationship.

SCORPIO

(October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to check over what went right and what went wrong with recent efforts. This can provide valuable lessons for projects that will be coming up soon.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 22 to December 21) Dealing with people who feel they're always right about everything might be a problem for some. But the savvy Archer should be able to deflate their oversize egos.

CAPRICORN

(December 22 to January 19) This week favors a balance between the demands of your work and your need for fun time-outs. Taking breaks helps restore and keep your energy levels high.

AQUARIUS

(January 20 to February 18) There could be an occasional setback in what you're working on. But look at them as lessons on how to do better as you move along. More supporters turn up to cheer you on.

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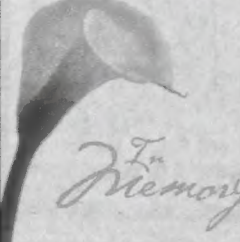
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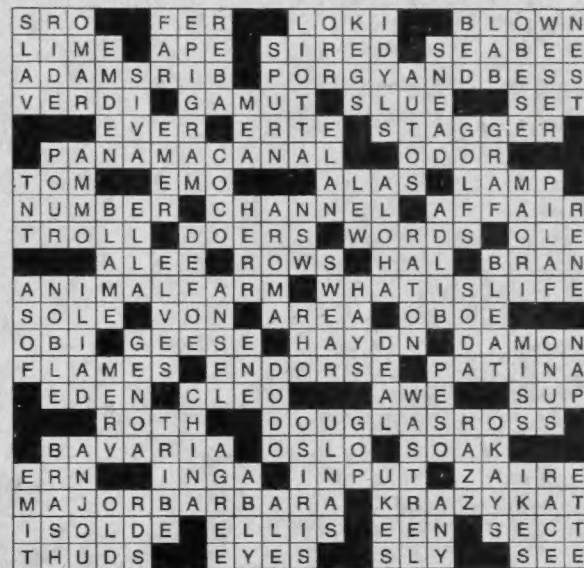
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